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Known gangsters arrested in park

- Police seize two assault rifles, one handgun at time of arrests in Kensington Park
- Christopher Henry Iser and Pedram Shirazi, both 26, face firearms-related charges

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Seven gangsters have been arrested after police interrupted a meeting between the men — some of whom police say were carrying assault rifles — in a Vancouver park.

Members of the Uniformed Gang Task Force had been monitoring the suspects in light of increased tensions within the gang world, and made their arrests on Wednesday afternoon.

"Because of (police partnerships), we are better able to predict where a violent crime may occur and work proactively to prevent it." DOUG KILOH, CFSEU CHIEF OFFICER

Supt. Tom McCluskie, with the Combined Forces Special Enforcement Unit (CFSEU), said despite a recent lull in violence, a gang war can erupt again at any time.

"The potential for people to get caught up in the violence is real and that is unacceptable," he said.

Metrotown. Pumpkin exhibit

▶ Fred Dobbs takes a break from carving a Halloween scene into a 750-pound pumpkin at Metrotown on Thursday.

KRISTEN THOMPSON/METRO

Good gourd!

Fred Dobbs, master carver David Billings and eight others have transformed nearly 60 pumpkins — one of which is 1,100 pounds — into art as part of the Monster Pumpkins exhibition at Metrotown. The pumpkins will be on display until Sunday.

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It's that time of the week again

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▶ Actor Randy Quaid heads to an immigration hearing in Vancouver on Thursday.

I'm not the only target: Quaid

Randy Quaid and his wife, Evi, were arrested on an outstanding warrant for allegedly damaging a home they once owned Both had claimed refugee status on entering Canada

Actor Randy Quaid alleges there's a conspiracy to kill him and several other troubled Hollywood stars in order to gain control of their millions.

In a bizarre speech to reporters outside the Vancouver immigration office where he's attempting to gain permission to live in Canada, Quaid said Lindsay Lohan and Britney Spears have been victims of a similar conspiracy. The actor, who was arrested by border officials in Vancouver last week, said he and his wife aren't criminals, fugitives from justice or crazy.

On Thursday, the actor claimed that for the last 20 years he and his wife, Evi, have been the victims of criminal activities by people who are out to destroy them personally, professionally and financially.

He told reporters that in the last five years, eight actors he's known have been murdered.

"We believe there to be a malignant tumour of star whackers in Hollywood," he said, naming Heath Ledger, Chris Penn and David Carradine as some of their victims.

Ledger died in 2008 of an accidental overdose of prescription drugs. An autopsy said 40-year-old Penn died in 2006 of heart disease and the official cause of Carradine's death last year was accidental asphyxiation.

"I believe these actors were whacked and I believe many others, such as Britney Spears, Lindsay Lohan and Mel Gibson, are being played to get at their money," Quaid told a crush of reporters.

He said about $40 million of his earnings have been stolen from him.

"I am being embezzled by this monstrous ring of accountants, estate planners and lawyers who are mercilessly slandering me and trying to kill my career and, I believe, murder me in order to gain control of my royalties."
RANDY QUAID

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Some taxpayers not sold on Campbell's cut announcement

Vancouverites aren't so convinced that Premier Gordon Campbell's 15 per cent income tax cut, which he announced Wednesday night, will be a good thing.

"I don't think the cut (Campbell) is giving is going to ... offset the effect the HST has had," said Roger, a Vancouver doctor who preferred not to give his surname.

Campbell's approach to the announcement was all wrong, said Jason Green of Delta.

"He was still saying 'This is how it should be,' rather than, 'You know, I made some mistakes.'"

NDP MLA Shane Simpson called the cut a desperate attempt to buy people with their own money.

"This is a another one of those off-the-cuff decisions by the premier," said Simpson, MLA for Vancouver-Hastings. "Half the tax cut will go to the top 20 per cent earners."

STEPHANIE ORFORD

News in brief

Bulldogs galore

PARK EVENT. French bulldog owners are congregating at David Lam Park at noon on Saturday for a promotional event for the upcoming Todd Phillips movie Due Date.

Comedian Zach Galifianakis carries a bulldog throughout the movie.

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Lions launch energy drink

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▶ T.A.G. contest winner Budimir Markovic, Gloria Macarenko of CBC News, BCRTC president Doug Kelsey, contest winner Krista Gibbard, and Transit Police Chief George Beattie at VCC-Clark SkyTrain station Thursday.

Campaign rails against gangs

- Winning posters chosen from more than 300 entries
- A former gang member helped judge the contest

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"I was very egotistical, I had a lot of power, and I wouldn't admit that I had a drug problem. Some of my friends actually had to chain me to the centre beam of a house for a week."
JAMES COULTER, FORMER UN GANG MEMBER

The winners of the Teens Against Gangs poster contest say the goal of their artwork is to make youth think twice before joining a gang.

"It seems to me a lot of kids who get involved in gangs ... don't think about the other people in their lives who care about them, or the consequences of their actions," said Douglas Scandrett, a student at Elgin Park Secondary in South Surrey, one of the three winners.

The winning posters were selected by a panel of judges that included police and former UN gang member James Coulter.

"The message of the campaign is clear: crime doesn't pay, and being in a gang will make your life much shorter," said Coulter, who spent five years in the gang while battling an addiction to crack cocaine.

The posters will be displayed on a SkyTrain car, and in secondary schools around the Lower Mainland, for a full year.

First Nations astronaut touches down in city

Retired NASA astronaut John Herrington said he felt "discombobulated," nervous and a bit nauseous the first time he attempted to walk in space.

However, Herrington, whose talk about life in outer space kicked off the Year of Science at Vancouver Community College Thursday, was proud to report that he never got sick.

A member of the Chickasaw First Nation of Oklahoma, Herrington is the first and only Native American to venture into outer space, and holds his heritage in high esteem.

Among the cultural symbols he brought with him to the International Space Station space were an eagle feather and traditional flute, on which he played Amazing Grace while weightless in outer space.

"The response from the Native American community has been fabulous, and the governor (of Oklahoma) has been very supportive of my efforts," he said. KYLE FARQUHARSON

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▶ John Herrington, with a young fan.

Blast off!

- In outer space, the act of pushing a button or turning a wrench can cause a person to spin in a circle, or repel in the opposite direction, so anchoring one's hands and feet while working is crucial.
- With no atmosphere, temperatures in Earth's orbit can fluctuate between 95 and -130 C in the sun and shade respectively.
- Astronauts' load-bearing bones deteriorate severely in the absence of gravity; because of this, many of them (including Herrington) suffer osteoporosis post-mission.

Mother hid car after hit and run

A New Westminster woman has been found guilty of obstruction of justice for hiding her son's damaged car in her garage then having it repaired after a fatal hit and run.

The judge found that Allyne Fitzgerald knew her son, James High, was responsible for killing Robert Staines in 2006 and hid that from police.

Charges against High were dropped.

Fitzgerald's sentencing date has not been set. KRISTEN THOMPSON

Homeless locker vote ends Sunday

First United Church is appealing for last-minute votes in a contest that could win the facility $25,000 to save its cart storage facility for homeless people.

Voting ends Sunday for the Pepsi Refresh Project, which will reward one organization that's helped its community. The church hopes to save its storage facility, which allows homeless people to store their belongings and costs $8,200 a month to operate. METRO

Man injured street racing in Langley

An 18-year-old Langley street racer suffered internal injures and was airlifted to hospital Wednesday after crashing his car.

Witnesses said the man was driving in the oncoming lane alongside another car driven by a 17-year-old Chilliwack woman when he drove off the road.

"A fence post came through the windshield," said RCMP Cpl. Holly Marks. "The only thing that saved this kid's life was his seatbelt." He is expected to recover. METRO

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Otherkin remove masks for Halloween

Large Otherkin presence online with forums, dating sites Examples include vampires, werewolves, elves

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It's that time of year again — everyone rushing to find the perfect mask for a Halloween disguise.

But what if All Hallows' Eve was the only day of the year when you could remove your "mask" and be welcomed by society?

Otherkin are people whose personal philosophies lead them to believe their consciousnesses, or souls, aren't entirely human.

They feel they're mythical beings like lycanthropes, elves and fairies.

Sanné Lambert, who owns Venus and Mars, a retail store catering to alternative lifestyles, said the appeal behind Otherkin may be the escapism it provides — especially at this time of year.

"Halloween allows people who wouldn't normally go outside their own comfort zones to do so."
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Dracco, a young man from Surrey wishing to keep his identity private, said he identifies with dragons.

"Anyone who doesn't feel totally human or themselves inside could call themselves (Otherkin)," he said.

"They don't feel complete without representing something outside the human body."

Another form is the vampire.

Vancouverite Christina Martine became a vampire aficionado at a young age, publishing her first vampire novel, Cat The Vamp, when she was 21.

Otherkin tend to be powerful, beautiful, and immortal, "and who doesn't want to be any of those things?" she asked.

Halloween. Bang!

▶ Confiscated fireworks and weapons at Vancouver police headquarters Thursday.

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Don't let things get too scary

Vancouver police and firefighters are urging Vancouverites to play safe this Halloween. If using a weapon to accessorize your costume, make sure that it is noticeably fake. As for fireworks, obtain a permit and ensure that they're lit safely.

Science World going orange

Science World is going orange this weekend.

Beginning Friday, the lights on the iconic geodesic dome will turn orange for Halloween. The building, which was built for Expo 86, is undergoing renovations. METRO

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Firing squad executes 'spies' aged 15 and 18

- Onlooker faints as young Somali girls are shot
- 'Those who watched could not bear the pain'

Two accused spies died amid a fusillade of bullets from a firing squad organized by a hardline Islamist militia.

The condemned pair were girls — aged only 15 and 18.

Their grieving relatives say they were uneducated, usually stayed at home and could not have spied for anyone.

Horrified residents of Belet Weyne, in western Somalia, were forced to watch the execution by al-Shabab on Wednesday.

One woman fainted as the girls were gunned down by 10 masked executioners.

"Those who watched the event could not bear the painful experience. Two very young girls were shot as they watched and no one could help," said Dahir Casowe, a local elder.

Al-Shabab is linked to Al Qaida and has carried out whippings, amputations and executions to enforce its own strict interpretation of Islam.

Shortly before the executions, Sheik Mohamed Ibrahim sentenced the girls to death for spying for government soldiers fighting al-Shabab.

The only qualifications Ibrahim needed to be appointed a judge by al-Shabab were that he be male and know the Qur'an.

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Innocent?

- Sheik Yusuf Ali Ugas, the governor of the Hiran region, told the crowd over a loudspeaker that the girls were captured during fighting and they admitted spying.
- But Sadia Osman, who witnessed the execution, said one of the girls proclaimed her innocence.
- Ugas warned residents against using their mobile phones or cameras to photograph the execution.

Rome. They're not acting

PIER PAOLO CITO/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Lights, action ... protest

Hundreds of protesting actors and actresses, directors, screenwriters and other workers in the movie industry occupied the red carpet of the International Rome Film Festival on Thursday. The high-profile stunt was part of an ongoing dispute over government funding cuts to culture. The sign held by the protesters reads "There are working people in the end credits."

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Canadian Forces Lt.-Col. Michel Henri St.-Louis of the Royal 22nd Regiment leads his troops in a farewell parade Thursday at the Citadelle in Quebec City. St.-Louis leaves next week with 1,400 soldiers for a final stint in Afghanistan.

Health-care spending going up – and down

Belt-tightening by provinces behind shrinking rate, expert says Lowest growth rate 'in last 13 years'

Total health-care spending in Canada this year is predicted to reach almost $192 billion, up almost five per cent over 2009, says a report by the Canadian Institute for Health Information.

The 155-page report, released Thursday, says that figure translates into about $5,600 for each man, woman and child in the country.

"Over the last 10 years, we've seen the growth in health-care spending over and above population growth and inflation," said Chris Kuchciak, manager of health expenditures for CIHI.

"There were significant investments in health care. But now fiscal positions have changed."
CHRIS KUCHCIAK, CIHI

"However, what's different this year is that the growth rate in 2009 and 2010 seems to be decelerating."

Actual per capita health-care spending is expected to rise by just 1.4 per cent this year, Kuchciak said.

"The growth rate of 1.4 per cent is actually the lowest growth rate in the last 13 years."

Kuchciak said a number of factors are likely behind the shrinking rate, including belt-tightening by provinces.

A similar squeeze on spending occurred during the mid-1990s, a period of restraint when the growth in health spending was either flat or negative, he said, noting that the trend was reversed in the late '90s, when governments made a concerted effort to boost allocations to health.

The report shows health-care spending is expected to account for 11.7 per cent of Canada's gross domestic product in 2010, down from 11.9 per cent in 2009.

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Snakes' future unclear

The U.S. federal government doesn't want 41 venomous snakes taken from a man prosecutors say had coerced a young girl to pose with the reptiles.

John Joseph Maillet pleaded guilty Sept. 8 to production of child pornography and possession of a firearm by a felon in federal court. He agreed to give up the snakes, guns and computer equipment.

A judge on Wednesday approved a request by prosecutor Scott Gilbert to remove the snakes from a list of forfeited property.

Court records described the snakes as venomous but didn't identify them further nor say what will happen to them. Gilbert says the government rarely wants live animals.

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Find could hold key to dinosaur

Scientists say they've found the first complete skeleton of a dinosaur that is an ancestor to the sauropod, the largest creature ever to walk the planet.

The bones were found in southern China, Texas Tech paleontologist Sankar Chatterjee said Thursday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Shooting shocks Mexico

Armed men rumbled into a gritty neighbourhood of the Mexican capital Thursday and gunned down six men hanging around a convenience store, fueling fears that one of the world's largest cities is falling prey to cartel-style violence.

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Goa's evolution from hippie to bourgeois

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▶ Eight Finger Eddie

'Eight Finger Eddie' helped put Indian hotspot of Goa on the map

Eight Finger Eddie's time had come and gone.

When the 85-year-old, touted as the godfather of Goa's hippie scene, died last week in a beachside village in Goa, the Indian state he had helped put on the travel map for global backpackers and stoners had long since turned its back on him and his kind.

Goa is now a top vacation and party destination, thronged by tourists hungry for its high-end hotels and chilled-out beaches. Along with the tourism has come wealth, helping Goa to become one of India's wealthiest states in terms of per capita income.

It was a different scene at Anjuna beach, now the epicenter of tourism in Goa, when Eddie arrived with his half-naked buddies, Junky Robert, Hollywood Peter and Trumpet Steve in 1965.

"Tourism in Goa has moved on. Hippie and backpack tourism inevitably is associated with drugs and does not make a healthy spectacle."

HUGH GANTZER, TRAVEL WRITER

Spending nearly half a century in Goa, Eddie sometimes ran a soup kitchen and in 1975 started the Anjuna flea market as a place for hippies and other foreigners to hang out or barter goods. At first, "only freaks came," local writer Dominic Fernandes said.

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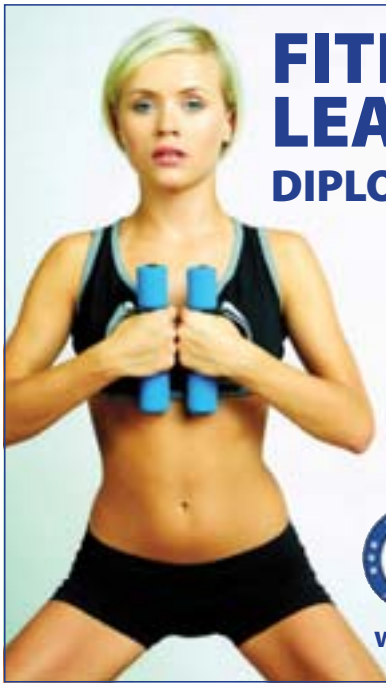

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Charity. Dropping pumpkins

▶ Lauren Hockin, president of the University of Western Ontario's chapter of Engineers Without Borders, poses next to a 1,000-pound pumpkin about to be dropped from a 120-foot crane in London, Ont., on Thursday.

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The great half-ton pumpkin toss

The anti-poverty event supports improving rural farmers' livelihoods in Ghana.

More students paying more

◐ Rise in enrolment ranged from 0.7% in N.L. to 4.5% in B.C. ◐ Grads more likely to land knowledge-based jobs

Rising enrolment rates at Canadian universities were hailed Thursday as a future boon to the Canadian economy, but student advocates warned skyrocketing tuition is putting post-secondary education out of reach for many students.

Overall university enrolment increased 3.7 per cent over last year and 57 per cent from 1995, the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada reported. There were 898,000 full-time university students registered this fall.

That's good news for the economy: University graduates represent about a quarter of the working population but are about 40 per cent of the tax base, said association president Paul Davidson.

"To be able to afford the quality of life, the standard of living, the quality of public services that we have in Canada, requires these kind of high-quality jobs that university graduates are getting," Davidson said.

University graduates increase Canada's productivity and innovation, said Davidson. They also make more money.

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Petition

- More than 39,000 people have signed the federation's petition calling on the federal government to create a national post-secondary education act and restore funding for post-secondary education to 1992 levels.
- The petition is online at www.educationisaright.ca.

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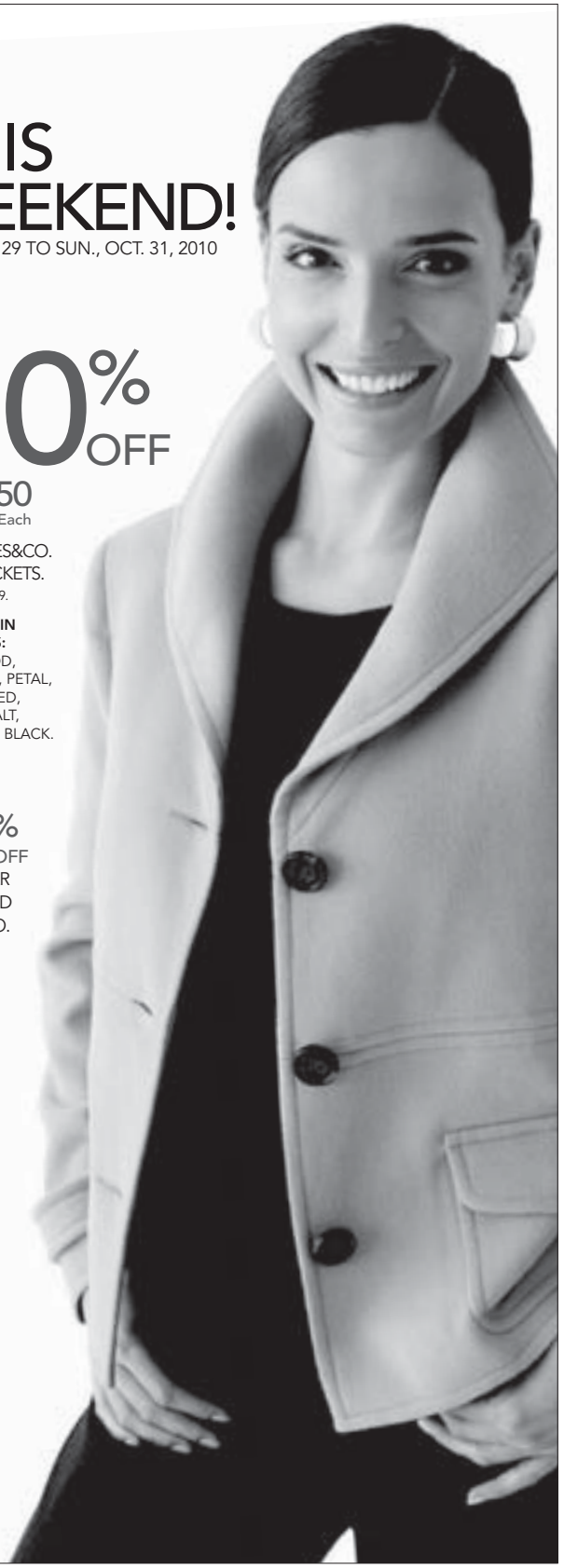

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Jewish leader fighting sex offender status

- Surkis expresses remorse in child pornography case
- Crown wants his sentence to send a clear message

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▶ Bill Surkis

A former Quebec director of B'nai Brith said Thursday he's deeply sorry for downloading child pornography and recognizes the impact his actions have had on his family.

Bill Surkis expressed remorse during his sentencing hearing in Montreal.

The former Jewish community leader, who pleaded guilty in May to one count each of accessing and possessing child pornography, will be sentenced Dec. 9.

But the Crown wants to send a clear message to the public that downloading and possessing child pornography only serves to fund an industry that profits from exploiting young children.

To that end, they want to have Surkis, 71, declared a registered sex offender, which is a sticking point in the sentencing.

The Crown and defence have agreed that Surkis should receive the minimum sentence allowed by law — a 45-day jail term, to be served on weekends. There would be 240 hours of community service and three years' probation.

The Crown's request that Surkis be registered as a sex offender and have his DNA taken has been dismissed by Surkis and his lawyer as unnecessary and punitive.

"That would put me in a position where I would not be able to serve my community," Surkis said. "I downloaded videos, yes, but I am not a sex offender."

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A pathway to peace

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"It wasn't my intention to disparage anyone suffering with a mental health issue."
CRAIG WESTCOTT

Spin doc says sorry

Craig Westcott, the new spin doctor for the Liberals in Newfoundland and Labrador, has apologized for an email that raised the prospect that Premier Danny Williams is mentally ill or in the last stages of a venereal disease.

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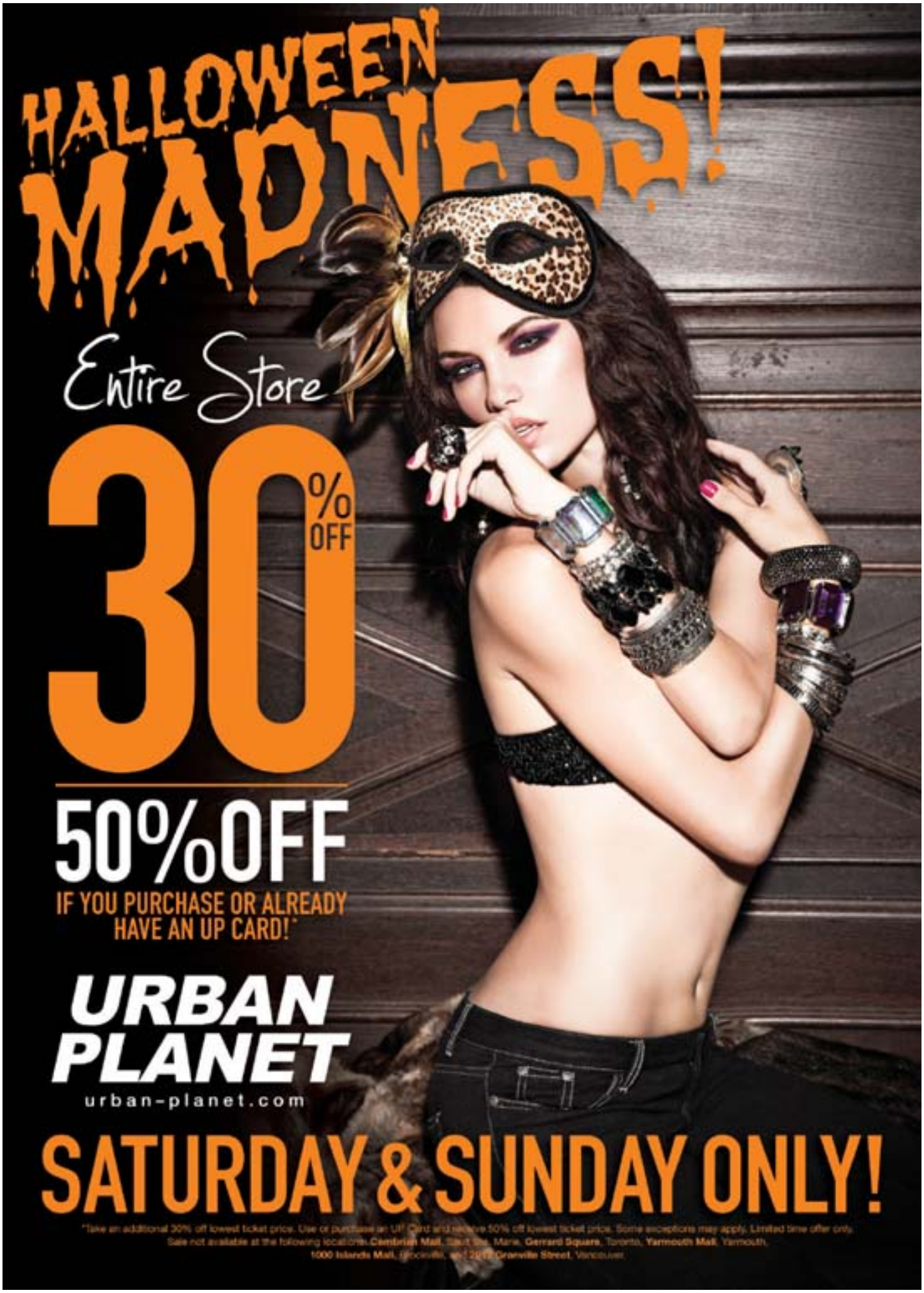
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GETTY IMAGES

▶ A screen grab taken from an AFP video shows a photo of Osama bin Laden and a blurred picture of what appears to be a policeman pulling off a woman's veil.

Bin Laden recording authentic: Ministry

A newly released audio tape of al-Qaida leader Osama bin Laden threatening France appears to be authentic, the French Foreign Ministry said Thursday.

The voice on the audio tape threatens to kill French citizens to avenge their country's support for the war in Afghanistan and in revenge for a new French law that will ban burqa-like Muslim veils. The audiotape was obtained by the Al-Jazeera television station.

The Foreign Ministry says the tape's "authenticity can be considered established based on initial verifications."

The message "only confirms that reality of the terror threat," Foreign Ministry spokesman Bernard Valero said.

A series of terror warnings has put France and other European countries on high alert in recent weeks, prompting the U.S. State Department to advise American citizens living or travelling in Europe to take more precautions.

Speculation on the source of a potential terror threat in France has focused on a group called al-Qaida in the Islamic Maghreb.

That group, an offshoot of bin Laden's network, has claimed responsibility for the abductions of five French citizens in Niger and is believed to have taken them to neighbouring Mali.

The French hostages, as well as a Togolese and a Madagascar national, were kidnapped on Sept. 16 while they slept in their villas in the uranium mining town of Arlit.

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Tensions

- There are about 4,000 French troops deployed in and near Afghanistan. France has also passed a law that will ban the wearing of face-covering burqa-style Muslim veils in public starting in April.
- Al-Qaida had spoken out against the veil measure before it became law.

France feels fuel crunch

Though the strikes in France are tapering off, the fuel shortages they caused are still a problem. One in five gas stations remain empty or short of gas because of the refinery strike, said the national petroleum industry body.

Striking dock workers have exacerbated the shortages. Oil tankers are lined up by the dozens in the Mediterranean off the port of Marseille, waiting to unload. The Normandy port of Le Havre faces a similar situation.

Dock workers have been protesting for a month, partly over the pension plan, though their central concern is port reform.

Unions see retirement at 60 as a cornerstone of France's generous social benefit system, but the government says the entire pension system is in jeopardy without the reform because French people are living longer — an average of nearly 85 years for women and 78 for men. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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▶ Demonstrators hold a mask of French President Nicolas Sarkozy during a protest in Paris on Thursday, held in the seventh day of actions against the pensions reform law.

French strikes fail to draw large numbers of people as they did previously Demonstrations by train and oil workers tapering off

Strikes caused hassles for air travellers in France on Thursday, but nationwide street protests over a plan to raise the retirement age to 62 failed to draw the massive crowds of weeks' past — a sign of slackening resolve among the bill's opponents.

Parliament has already approved raising the retirement age from 60 to 62, but union leaders insist they will not give up their fight until conservative President Nicolas Sarkozy actually signs the bill. Still, fewer protesters followed them into the streets this time, and strikes by train and oil workers have been tapering off in recent days.

"We will fight until the end."
SOCIALIST LEADER MARTINE AUBRY

In Paris, demonstrators waved union flags and set off flares, while in southern Marseille, they beat drums and blew whistles.

Past demonstrations have drawn more than a million protesters into the streets; this time, the Interior Ministry put the figure at 560,000 nationwide. The hard-line CGT union contested that number, putting turnout at 2 million.

"It's true you could say the anti-reform movement is slowing down, but you need to ask why," Serba Germain, a 67-year-old retired police officer marching in Marseille, told Associated Press Television News.

"People are disappointed, they are frustrated" because the government hasn't listened.

Unions and opposition parties urged Sarkozy not to sign the law, which polls show is unpopular. He is expected to do so by mid-November, after it is cleared by France's constitutional watchdog.

But Sarkozy has refused to back down, even amid two weeks of strikes that cancelled trains, shut down oil refineries and left drivers struggling to find gasoline.

A small number of trains were cancelled Thursday, but the problem was bigger for airlines. A third of flights at Paris' Charles de Gaulle airport and half of those at the city's smaller Orly were cancelled. Flights were expected to run as normal Friday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Other people's money

DAVID DESCÔTEAUX

Crucial mid-term elections will take place next Tuesday in the United States. The Republicans could regain political control in Washington and block Obama's projects.

Bryan Caplan, economics professor at George Mason University, has some advice for the millions of voters who plan to cast ballots on election day: If you don't understand basic economics, why not just stay home?

In his book, The Myth Of The Rational Voter, Caplan says it's wrong to think that politicians don't listen to the people. On the contrary, politicians do listen ... and that's the problem! Voters are riddled with biases, according to Caplan. Especially when it comes to the economy.

Several polls carried out in the U.S. have revealed that half of voters don't know the name of their senator or representative.

A good portion of the population thinks that foreign aid represents 24 per cent of the federal budget. (The correct answer: One per cent.)

"Many people have backward ideas about economics, having never studied the subject. And their opinions are generally the opposite of what an economics course would teach," Caplan once told me when I interviewed him.

For example, people who have not studied economics usually think protectionism is a good thing. "Instead of saying, 'I don't know, I never studied that,' they state with conviction: 'Foreigners are stealing our jobs! We have to do something, regardless of what economists say!'"

The average voter exhibits numerous biases in economic matters, according to Caplan's research. Among other things, people tend to underestimate the advantages of market mechanisms, or the benefits of immigration and free trade. They also like to blame scapegoats for economic problems — speculators, oil companies, Wal-Mart, the Chinese ...

The end result: In order to cater to voters, politicians enact laws that persecute those scapegoats, or erect protectionist barriers (taxes and tariffs) to limit free trade. Policies that, according to Caplan, impoverish the economy as a whole. The professor, who does not shy away from controversy, is consistent with his recommendations: Encouraging people to vote is a bad idea, he says. "Those who abstain from voting are, on average, less educated and less informed. If all of those people voted, the average voter would be even more ignorant of economic matters."

Politicians would adjust their electoral platforms to cater to those voters.

Voting is a civic duty, they say. But for some, could the opposite be true?

David Descôteaux is a freelance economic journalist and an associate researcher at the Montreal Economic Institute.

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Chocolate. Art

▶ Luc Dorin, a chocolate maker from Bordeaux, France, poses with his chocolate sculpture at the Chocolate Fairin Paris on Thursday.

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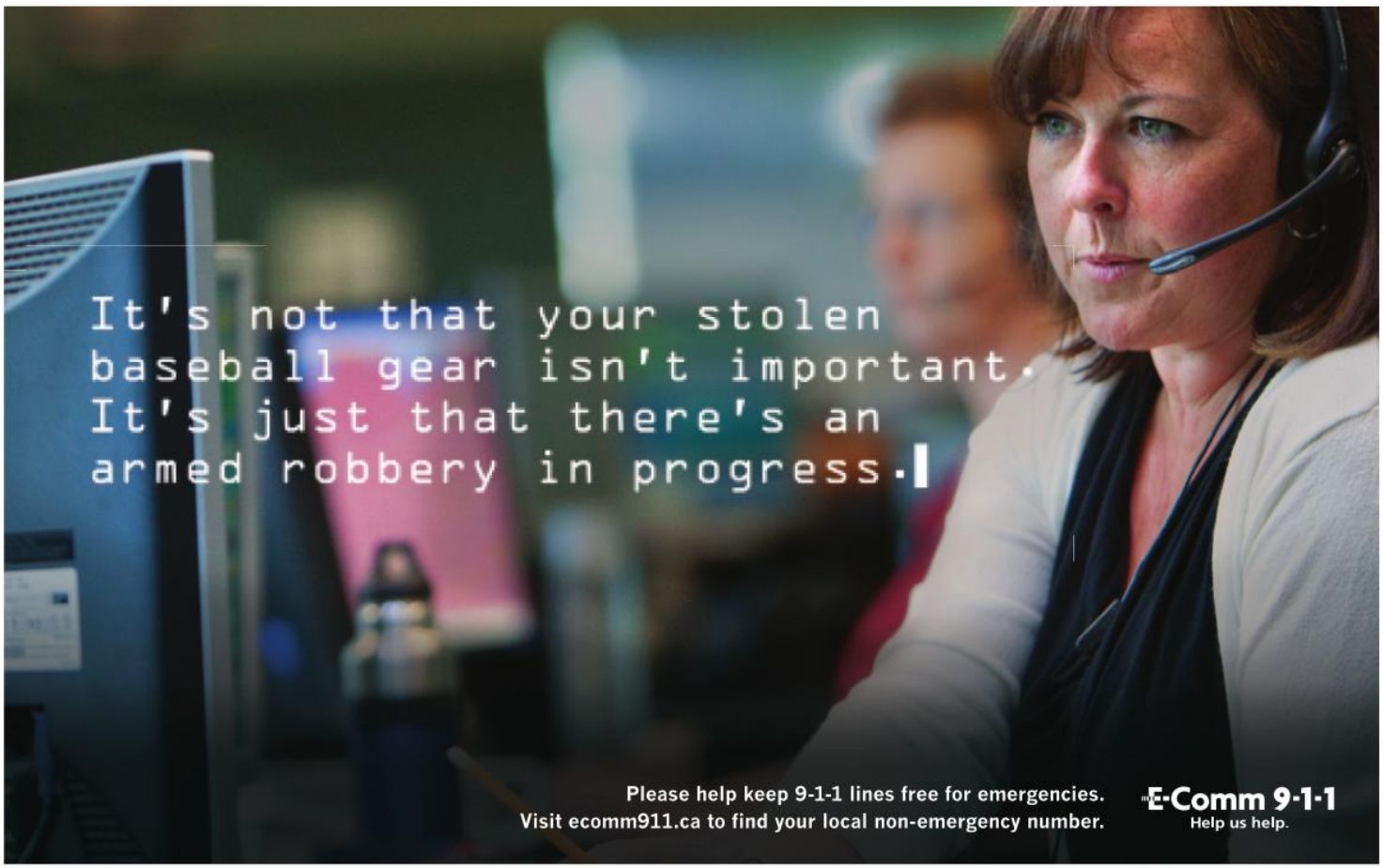
Edible masterpiece

It took Luc Dorin three months and 31 kilograms of chocolate to make his sculpture. Dorin is taking part in the World Chocolate Masters series in Paris.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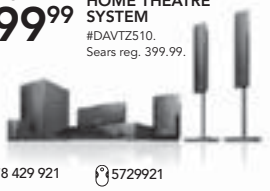

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TSX investors cautious ahead of U.S. stimulus

Questions about U.S. Fed's bond-buying plan create volatility Metals surge as financials, techs dip

The Toronto stock market closed flat Thursday as commodity prices and stocks rose against a falling U.S. dollar.

But many sectors were held back amid uncertainty about the size of the U.S. Federal Reserve's plan to inject more stimulus into the U.S. economy.

The S&P/TSX composite index dipped 3.16 points to 12,564.09 as investors gave a mixed reception to a variety of earnings reports, while the TSX Venture Exchange gained 18.13 points to 1,926.16.

The Canadian dollar racked up a solid gain, rising 0.69 of a US cent to 97.9 cents US after a strengthening U.S. currency had pushed the loonie lower the previous two sessions.

80 Financials led decliners with Royal Bank down 80 cents at $54.12 and TD Bank also off 80 cents at $72.75.

Gold stocks led advancers on higher bullion prices and a well-received earnings report from Barrick Gold Corp.

Barrick shares rose $1.13 to $48.07 as the company posted a record third-quarter profit of $837 million US or 84 cents per share, rising from a year-ago loss of $5.35 billion or $6.07 per share when it wound up of its gold hedging program.

The base metals sector was also positive as the December copper contract on the New York Mercantile Exchange added one cent to $3.79 US a pound. Equinox Minerals gained 13 cents to $5.58, while Lundin Mining climbed 19 cents to $6.50.

Tech stocks were also weak with shares in electronics manufacturer Celestica Inc. falling 49 cents, or 5.4 per cent, to $8.59 as the company said revenue slipped to $1.55 billion US, a drop of $10 million from a year earlier.

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Colgate. Earnings

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Income-decay averted

Consumer products maker Colgate-Palmolive posted a 4.9 per cent rise in net income in the third quarter Thursday, even as revenue fell slightly because of foreign currency exchange.

Brussels buys more tramways

Bombardier Transportation has received an additional $235-million US order to supply another 65 tramways to Brussels.

The order comes seven years after the Belgian capital first purchased Bombardier Flexity trams.

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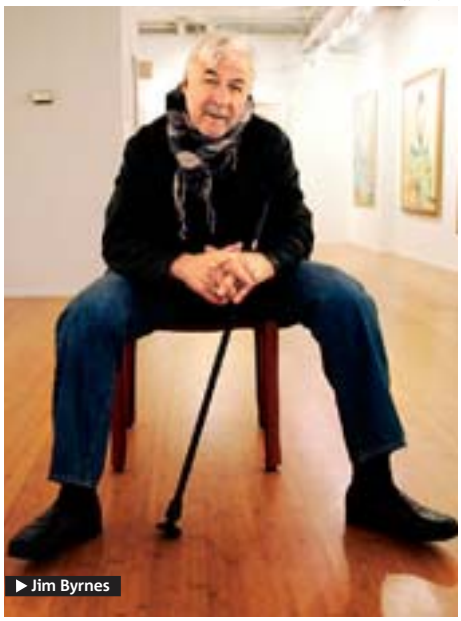

▶ Jim Byrnes

5 MINUTES WITH: JIM BYRNES

In the motion picture Heart Of A Dragon (which opens today), three-time Juno Award winner Jim Byrnes plays Ivan, a jaded wire-service photographer assigned to cover Rick Hansen's Man In Motion tour through China. Byrnes, a double amputee, performed at B.C. Place 25 years ago during Hansen's return celebration in Vancouver. Byrnes chatted with Metro in Vancouver before jetting off to Europe to support his new album, Everywhere West.

Tell me about the movie?
People have to remember that it is not a biopic. This is two days of the journey. It is about a group of people coming together to look at some hard truths about the challenges we set up for ourselves and the challenges that lurk within ourselves.

What are your memories of Rick's journey at the time?
I lived in the neighbourhood and was at Oakridge the day they left ... that was just about all anybody heard from them until about a year later when these films started coming back from China and, holy cow, look at all the people in the streets. This is pretty cool.

What was it like to make a movie about someone you know personally?
There's a great deal of responsibility that went along with this. You're telling a story of someone you know. It's one thing to try a story from the past, but when you really know somebody — it's an incredible responsibility to Rick and Amanda and Lee and everybody involved.

Tell me about your role?
I'm a photojournalist, a stringer for Reuters or UPI, who is assigned to do this story. My immediate reaction is one of dismissal ... you've sent me out here into the middle of nowhere for some nutcase in a wheelchair and his crazy friends. I'm the bad guy. The devil's advocate ... and in asking those questions of them, I make them look into themselves and ask, "Why are we doing this? What is the purpose?" If it were not for doubters, naysayers, dismissers, like the Ivan character, Rick wouldn't have done it in the first place because people would be aware and would be sensitive. People with disabilities are often dismissed and marginalized. Rick's story is a constant reminder that we're all rockin' in the same boat, baby.

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Comments not funny

Letters & Tweets

Re: What do you do when joke's on you? (Oct 28)

TORONTO. The article by Mr. Mazerolle contains some significantly offensive remarks. In particular, he likens feelings, when he failed to succeed as a standup comic, to "something akin to a kid who drops his ice cream combined with those Palestinian women you see mourning on television."

This remark is offensive on many levels, but in particular it is demeaning and dismissive of women suffering the loss of loved ones during a war. The referral to the "Palestinian women" in this context implies that they, and their grief, are somehow lesser, and mocks their reactions to their losses. I doubt Mr. Mazerolle would have made a similar reference to mourning Canadian women. His use of the grief of these women in this context serves to dehumanize them and is certainly not funny.

The use of the reference to the Palestinian women in conjunction with a dropped ice cream cone is a further degradation to the plight of these women, which should be considered separately from their context in the political arena in the Middle East. **MALERIE ROSE**

Re: Clampdown useless: EU (Oct. 28)

TORONTO. Thank you for picking up this news item and reporting on the growing support for calling out the U.S. Transportation Security Administration (TSA) on this theatre it calls airport security.

Those of us who travel frequently have been trying to educate the general public on the redundant and invasive measures that our governments are placing on us in the name of "anything for security." Should we have to be scanned naked to get on a plane when airports don't scan the Canadian Air Transport Security Authority/U.S. TSA workers, don't scan all checked baggage, don't scan all baggage handlers, don't scan all ground crew? **S. FLINT**

We asked: What's your favourite Halloween costume?

@ari_ospeedwagon Anton Chigurh (Javier Bardem) in No Country For Old Men and ShamWoW Guy (Vince Shlomi) after his arrest in Miami. I in fact borrowed an American quarter from a colleague. It's all in the details, friendo ...

@willsamuel when I was a kid, my dad and I made an Optimus Prime transformers uniform out of cardboard, foil and paint. It was totally cool **@allysandria0** Audrey Hepburn! for best costume. easy, simple, and not trashy! **@samogrady** I was once a Christmas tree, layers of green tafida sewn to a bodysuit. I even had battery packs for my over 100 lights! **@jenochej** giant Rubik's cube!

Whose shoes would you like to fill?

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Metro Minute with blood and vampires

Ever wonder how vampires popped into our cultural imagination, or why — in True Blood, at least — they love real human blood so much more than the synthetic stuff?

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Issa will give a short history of vampires and will talk about the science and myths behind the life-giving liquid they love.

Tickets are $21 for adults.

This exhibit uses timed ticketing so you can reserve beforehand to secure your spot.

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I heard a Christmas ad on the radio the other day when I was driving and I was like, 'Before Halloween? That's not right.' I just want to get over Halloween.

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James Franco takes on the real-life survival story of Aron Ralston in 127 Hours
Actor underwent big weight loss to mimic what happened to Ralston during his five days of having his arm trapped under a boulder
Video diary helped Franco prepare for role

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▶ James Franco plays Aron Ralston in 127 Hours.

Learning how to survive

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Playing a hiker with his arm pinned under a boulder for five days brought its own set of challenges for James Franco, who stars as Aron Ralston in Danny Boyle's true-life 127 Hours. The first thing he had to worry about, though, was his waistline.

"He told me I should go on a diet," Franco says of his first meeting with the director. "First of all, Aron was in great shape, but also he lost 40 pounds while he was there, from water deprivation mostly."

Of course, recreated a rapid weight loss during the film's production wasn't feasible, so Franco shed as much weight as he could before filming, then relied on some helpful tools to bulk back up when needed.

"We actually even built this prosthetic that we ended up unfortunately calling 'the plumper,'" he says. "It was just this mouthpiece that would plump my cheeks out for the early parts of the film, and then as he started deteriorating we could use smaller and smaller versions until we didn't use any."

One useful tool for capturing Ralston's ordeal was the extensive video diary he kept.

"When we watched the real videos, one of the more powerful things about them is how simple it was and how direct and connected it was," Franco remembers.

"Some of the video messages are verbatim what he actually said," Franco says.

However, as an actor, he wasn't interested in just regurgitating Ralston's words.

"Our whole kind of approach — not just for the video messages but in general — was that we would honour Aron's story and we would do everything that he did, but also we wanted to kind of have our own approach to the story," he explains.

"And so with the video messages, they were scripted, but I felt like Danny gave me the freedom to be just a little loose with the words. But every once in a while there'd be a line in there and I'd say to myself, 'I just won't say that because it's kind of stupid.' And then Danny would come to me and say, 'Well, actually, for whatever reason, Aron is insistent that you say those two words.'"

127 Hours not typical acting role for Franco

James Franco is the first to admit 127 Hours isn't your typical film, since it wasn't his typical acting job, either.

"There were a lot of things that were unusual," he says. "I mean, you don't usually spend most movies with an armed pinned behind a boulder. But then you also don't spend most movies alone or without other actors. So all of that took adjusting."

Franco has been making a lot of adjustments lately, choosing career moves that have surprised onlookers — including his recent stint on General Hospital and his return to school. But he claims he's not in a "why not?" phase of his career.

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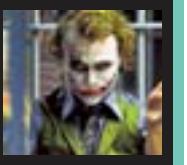
Scene in brief



The next Batman sequel has a title: The Dark Knight Rises.

Distributor Warner Bros. confirmed the name for director Christopher Nolan's third adventure about the DC Comics vigilante hero, which follows Batman Begins in 2005 and The Dark Knight in 2008.

The Dark Knight Rises" is due in theatres July 20, 2012.

Bucking Hollywood's current wave of 3-D movies, Nolan is not planning to shoot the film in 3-D.

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Garth Brooks, Trisha Yearwood to hold Nashville benefit concert for flood relief in December

Funny man Ferrell gets animated

Former SNL star takes on role of an inept evildoer Actor enjoyed freedom he had with character

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Will Ferrell is such a humble guy that when he's asked what it's like to lead a big animated comedy like Megamind, the affable actor quickly diverts the attention.

"I don't really consider myself front and centre of this fine cast," said Ferrell before noticing a giant banner over his shoulder clearly focusing on the titular character. "So I guess I am front and centre."

Indeed he is. Ferrell is the voice of Megamind, a blue-skinned supervillain that suddenly defeats his nemesis and finds himself in the unlikely role of public defender.

It may be his second animated feature (after Curious George), but the movie does mark a first for the funnyman.

"It's the first time (my kids) have commented on something I've been in," laughed Ferrell admitting his children didn't necessarily affect his choice in the role.

"This was just kind of a decision based pretty much on wanting to try and do another animated movie and getting the chance to work with (director) Tom (McGrath) so my children were not consulted — nor are they ever consulted about anything. It's a very strict household."

Kidding aside, its obvious Ferrell had fun conjuring up the voice of an inept big-headed evildoer that hilariously mispronounces words like "school" — the result of much improvisation in the recording studio.

"There is a great amount of freedom in terms of getting to come up with stuff on the spot," said Ferrell, who has considerable respect for the art. "What's lost on the project is how hard it is to articulate any emotional gearshift just with your voice. Playing the comedy is one thing but I think there's a real skill for any of these actors that can effectively do that consistently."

▶ Megamind (Will Ferrell, left) and Minion (David Cross, right) star in the new animated film Megamind.

Always a Joker

We hope. "I have a lot of tight leather pants in a vault," said Will Ferrell when asked what traits he shares with supervillain Megamind. "I don't wear them. I just keep them there and there is a part of my body — that I can't go into detail on — that is blue."

▶ Naomi Watts and Sean Penn star in Fair Game.

Watts goes from being a mom to CIA spy

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When Naomi Watts was cast as outed CIA agent Valerie Plame in Fair Game, director Doug Liman had just one criticism of her.

"Doug said, 'You're too soft and maternal, and you're going to boot camp,'" she remembers. "I did some paramilitary training for three days. So don't mess with me."

The reason she looked a bit maternal, of course, was because she had just given birth to her second son with husband Liev Schreiber.

"Basically, I had a baby on December 13, I read the script on December 28 and we were filming in February," she says.

And while three days may not seem like all that long, the grueling training she went through — alongside actual government trainees — sounds pretty gruesome. At least the details she's allowed to disclose, that is.

"There's one thing I'm not even allowed to talk about," she says. "As Doug walked out, they sort of kicked me in the shins and threw me to the ground and I went, 'Ow!' and he said, 'OK, don't say ow again unless you need to go to the hospital.' So it was intense."

Luckily, she had some support at home, as Schreiber was preparing for another CIA role in Salt while she studied up for Fair Game, which proved convenient.

"It was very funny and very strange to have, first of all, two of us shooting at the same time — that's the first time it ever happened with us — and second of all that we were both playing spies," she says.

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Halloween Safety Tips

Here's how parents can help their youngest ghouls and ghosts stay safe this Halloween:

1. Apply reflective tape to Halloween costumes.
2. Use face paint rather than masks that could cover the eyes.
3. Remind your kids to look both ways before crossing the street.
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A Millenium let down

The Girl Who Kicked The Hornets Nest
Genre: Drama
Director: Daniel Alfredson
Stars: Noomi Rapace, Michael Nyqvist, Lena Endre

The cinematic adaptation of Stieg Larsson's Millennium Trilogy kicked off with a bang thanks to The Girl With The Dragon Tattoo, which was excellent. Sadly, it ends on a whimper with this disappointing movie.

While the first film offered delightfully trashy sex-fueled intrigue, the sequels have gone for an irritating mix of ill-conceived action movie theatrics and endless exposition. This 2.5 hour conclusion is primarily dedicated to characters explaining the plot of the previous two movies and somehow the story arc of the series still doesn't quite make sense – and that's a difficult feat.

Lead actors Noomi Rapace and Michael Nyqvist are still compelling screen presences portraying intriguing characters, but even they are drowned out by all the exposition. The actors seem bored by the material this time and understandably so; audiences will likely feel the same way.

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Tamara Drewe
Genre: Comedy
Director: Stephen Frears
Stars: Gemma Arterton, Roger Allam

This big screen adaptation of the Guardian comic strip Tamara Drewe sees director Stephen Frears return to the social satire of early work. The story of a successful columnist (Gemma Arterton) who stirs things up in her childhood village of rural Dorset is an amusing distraction with some winning performances — particularly from Arterton, who makes the selfish Tamara likeable.

RICHARD CROUSE

Inside Job
Genre: Documentary
Director: Charles Ferguson
Stars: Matt Damon, Christine Lagarde, George Soros

It's hard to imagine a more thorough examination of the global economic collapse within the restrictions of a feature length film than Charles Ferguson's Inside Job. The director piles on information at an incredible clip. A complex, maddening, informative, and thankfully entertaining dissection of a difficult subject that demands close attention, but pays off.

PHIL BROWN

Carlos
Genre: Drama
Director: Olivier Assasys
Stars: Edgar Ramirez, Alexander Scheer, Nora von Waldstatten)

Easily the fleetest five-hour movie around, French director Olivier Assayas' globe-trotting biopic of the notorious terrorist Carlos the Jackal is highlighted by an hour-long depiction of a 1975 raid on OPEC headquarters in Vienna: it's action filmmaking to shame 99 per cent of Hollywood blockbusters.

The film lags in its final section (depicting Carlos' fall from prominence) but it's still a dazzling exercise in historical re-creation.

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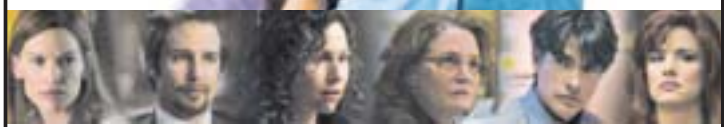

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A Saturday matinee screening of last year's Paranormal Activity was the first and only time I have ever heard anyone actually scream in a theatre. I don't mean a quiet whimper followed by an embarrassed laugh or a frightened little squeal. No, I mean a full-on, open throated howl of terror.

The release of Paranormal's prequel last weekend got me thinking about other big screen scream worthy scenes. So just in time for Halloween are some leave-the-lights-on movie moments.

If Alfred Hitchcock had any doubts about the effectiveness of the shower sequence in Psycho they must have been put to bed when he received an angry letter from the father whose daughter stopped bathing after seeing the bathtub murder scene in Les Diaboliques and then, more distressingly, refused to shower after seeing Psycho. Hitch's response to the concerned dad? "Send her to the dry cleaners."

The shower scene was terrifying but at least it was allowed to stay in the movie. In 1931 Frankenstein star Boris Karloff demanded the scene in the movie where the monster plays with a little girl, throwing flowers in a pond be cut from the picture. It's a cute scene until the beast runs out of flowers and tosses the little girl into the water, leaving her to drown. Karloff, and audiences, objected to the violence against the youngster and the scene was shortened, then removed altogether and remained unseen until a special videotape release 48 years later.

More recently The Exorcist (now beautifully restored on Blu Ray) so traumatized audiences with shots of the possessed Regan MacNeil's 360-degrees head spinning that in the U.K. the St. John's Ambulance Brigade were on-call at screenings to tend to fainters. Star Linda Blair says she wasn't traumatized by the film, but admits there has been one long lasting side effect. "You wouldn't believe how often people ask me to make my head spin around," she says.

Blair may have been unfazed while shooting her gruesome scenes, but not all actors emerge unscathed. Elisha Cuthbert was so grossed out while shooting the notorious blender scene in the down-and-dirty flick Captivity she says she felt "physically ill twice" and had to have a bucket nearby.

Scary scenes one and all, but recounting them begs the question, why are we drawn to them? The quick answer comes from Alfred Hitchcock who said, "People like to be scared when they feel safe."

Top 5

Here are Richard Crouse's top five scariest movie moments.

- **1. Alien**: The chest-bursting scene has been spoofed in everything from Spaceballs to Shrek 2, but there is nothing funny about the original's gruesome xenomorph birth sequence.
- **2. Dawn of the Dead:** What's scarier than a zombie baby? A really hungry zombie baby with a taste for brains!
- **3. Carrie:** The movie is filled with unforgettable images, but Sissy Spacek's bloody hand reaching out of her grave, grabbing Amy Irving's arm during the final dream scene is a shocker.
- **4. The Wizard of Oz:** Two words: Flying monkeys.
- **5. Freaks:** The remarkable finale shows the title characters making their way through the scariest rain storm ever presented on film to get their revenge on the manipulative (and murderous) Cleopatra.

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Easy A (PG) Fri 6:45-9:15 Sat-Sun 4:15-6:45-9:15 Mon-Thu 5:40-8:05
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Fubar 2 (18A) Fri 7-9:40 Sat-Sun 4:10-7-9:40 Mon-Thu 5:20-8:10
The Girl Who Played With Fire (18A) Fri 6:40-9:30 Sat-Sun 4-6:40-9:30 Mon-Thu 5:35-8:20
Secretariat (G) Fri 9:45 Sat-Sun 4:30-7:05-9:45 Mon-Thu 5:45-8:30

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Jackass 3 (14A) DTS Digital, No Passes Fri 7:15-9:45 DTS Digital, No Passes Sat-Sun 1:45-4:20-7:15-9:45 DTS Digital Mon-Thu 5:10-8
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Till The Last Drop My Love (STC) Thu 7

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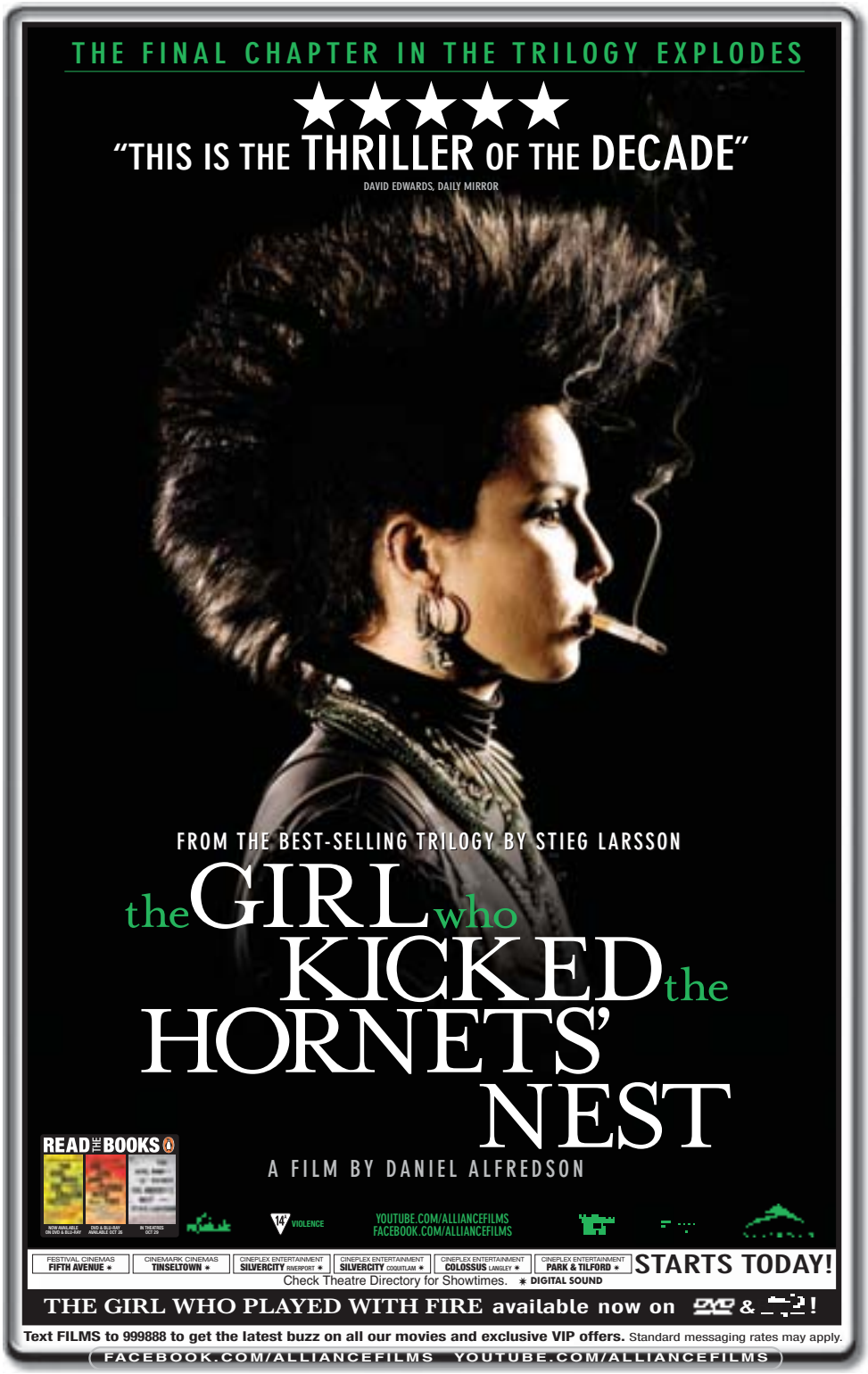
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The Rocky Horror Picture Show (STC) Sat-Sun 12

RIO ON BROADWAY
1660 E. Broadway, 604-878-Film
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The Exorcist (18A) Fri
Halloween (18A) Fri 12
Paranormal Activity 2 (STC) Fri-Thu 5-7-9:15

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Hereafter (PG) Fri-Thu 12:20-3:20-6:50-10:05
Inception (PG) Fri-Sun 12:15-3:30-6:45-10:20 Mon 12:15-3:30-10:20 Tue 12:15-3:30-6:45-10:20 Wed 12:15-3:30-10:20 Thu 12:15-3:30-6:45-10:20
Jackass 3D (14A) Fri-Sat 12:40-1:30-3:50-4:30-7:10-7:40-10:25 Sun 1:30-3:50-4:30-7:10-7:40-10:25 Mon-Thu 12:40-1:30-3:50-4:30-7:10-7:40-10:25
Life as We Know It (PG) Fri-Thu 12:50-3:40-6:30-9:30
Psycho (18A) Sun 1
Red (PG) Fri-Thu 1-4-7-10
Saw 3D (18A) Fri-Thu 12:30-2:45-5:7:30-9:40-10:10
The Social Network (PG) Fri-Thu 1:20-4:20-7:20-10:30
The Town (14A) Fri-Thu 1:10-4:10-7:15-10:15

TINSELTOWN
International Village, 88 West Pender, 3rd floor, 604-806-0799
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Aftershock (STC) No Passes Fri-Thu 1:45-4:40-7:35-10:30
Carlos (14A) No Passes Fri-Thu 1-4:05-7:05-10:05
Conviction (14A) No Passes Fri-Thu 2-4:35-7:10-9:40
The Girl Who Kicked the Hornet's Nest (14A) No Passes Fri-Thu 12:30-3:45-7:10:15
Inside Job (STC) No Passes Fri-Thu 2:40-5:15-7:50-10:25
It's Kind of a Funny Story (PG) No Passes Fri-Thu 2:45-5:20-7:45-10:10
Legend of the Guardians: The Owls of Ga'Hoole 3D (G) Fri-Tue 2:40-5:05-7:40-10 Wed 2:40-10 Thu 2:40
Never Let Me Go (PG) Fri-Wed 1:40-4:15-7:20-9:45 Thu 1:40-4:15-9:45
Nowhere Boy (PG) Fri-Thu 2:10-4:45-7:15-9:35
Paranormal Activity 2 (STC) No Passes Fri-Thu 1:40-4-6:20-8:40 No Passes Fri-Thu 12:35-2:50-5:10-7:30-9:50
Stone (14A) No Passes Fri-Thu 2:25-4:55-7:25-9:55
Vancouver Asian Film Festival 2010 (STC) No Passes Thu 7:30

VANCITY THEATRE
Vancouver International Film Centre
1181 Seymour Street, 604-683-Film
vifc.org

Abbott and Costello Meet Frankenstein (STC) Sat 7 Sun 4-5:30-7:15
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ESPLANADE 6
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Heart of a Dragon (STC) Fri 6:30-9:20 Sat-Sun 12:50-4-6:30-9:20 Mon-Thu 6:30-9:20
Hereafter (PG) No Passes Fri 6:40-9:40 No Passes Sat-Sun 12:45-3:40-6:40-9:40 No Passes Mon-Thu 6:40-9:40
Legend of the Guardians: The Owls of Ga'Hoole (G) Sun 1-3:30
Legend of the Guardians: The Owls of Ga'Hoole 3D (G) Sat 1-3:30
Paranormal Activity 2 (STC) No Passes Fri 7:25-9:50 No Passes Sat-Sun 1:15-4:30-7:25-9:50 No Passes Mon-Thu 7:25-9:50
Red (PG) Fri 7-9:45 Sat-Sun 1:30-4:15-7-9:45 Mon-Thu 7-9:45
Saw: The Final Chapter (18A) Fri 6:50-7:15-9:30-10 Sat-Sun 1:20-4:20-6:50-7:15-9:30-10 Mon-Thu 6:50-7:15-9:30-10

PARK & TILFORD
333 Brooksbank Ave., 604-985-3911

The Girl Who Kicked the Hornet's Nest (14A) Fri 6:30-9:40 Sat-Sun 2-6:30-9:40 Mon-Thu 6:30-9:40
Jackass 3D (14A) Fri 7:20-10:10 Sat-Sun 1:40-4:30-7:20-10:10 Mon-Thu 7:20-10:10
Life as We Know It (PG) Fri 7:10-10 Sat-Sun 1:30-4:20-7:10-10 Mon-Thu 7:10-10

Secretariat (G) Fri 6:50-9:30 Sat-Sun 1:20-4-6:50-9:30 Mon-Thu 6:50-9:30
The Social Network (PG) Fri 6:40-9:35 Sat-Sun 1-3:50-6:40-9:35 Mon-Thu 6:40-9:35 Star & Strollers Screening Thu 1
The Town (14A) Fri 7-9:50 Sat-Sun 1:15-4:15-7-9:50 Mon-Thu 7-9:50 Star & Strollers Screening Thu 1

RICHMOND

RICHMOND CENTRE 6
6551 #3 Road, 604-273-7173

Jackass 3 (14A) Fri 4:40-7:20-9:55 Sat 1:55-4:40-7:20-9:55 Sun 1:55-4:40-7:20 Mon-Thu 4:40-7:20
Life as We Know It (PG) Fri 4:25-7:05-9:45 Sat 1:40-4:25-7:05-9:45 Sun 1:40-4:25-7:05 Mon-Thu 4:25-7:05
Paranormal Activity 2 (STC) Fri 4:35-7:10-9:30 Sat 1:50-4:35-7:10-9:30 Sun 1:50-4:35-7:10 Mon-Thu 4:35-7:10
Red (PG) Fri 4:20-7:9:50 Sat 1:35-4:20-7-9:50 Sun 1:35-4:20-7 Mon-Thu 4:20-7
Saw 3D (18A) Fri 4:30-7:15-9:35 Sat 1:45-4:30-7:15-9:35 Sun 1:45-4:30-7:15 Mon-Thu 4:30-7:15
The Social Network (PG) Fri 4:15-6:55-9:40 Sat 1:30-4:15-6:55-9:40 Sun 1:30-4:15-6:55 Mon-Thu 4:15-6:55

SILVERCITY RIVERPORT
14211 Entertainment Way, 604-272-7280

Alpha and Omega (G) Fri-Thu 1-3:35
Conviction (14A) Fri-Thu 1:05-4:20-7:25-10:15
The Girl Who Kicked the Hornet's Nest (14A) Fri-Thu 12:30-3:50-7:10-10:30
Heart of a Dragon (STC) Fri-Wed 12:45-3:30-7:15-10:05 Thu 3:30-7:15-10:05 Star & Strollers Screening Thu 1
Hereafter (PG) Fri-Wed 12:40-3:55-7:05-10:25 Thu 3:55-7:05-10:25 Star & Strollers Screening Thu 1
Inception (PG) Fri-Thu 6:15-9:45
Jackass 3D (14A) Fri-Thu 2-4:40-7:40-10:40
Legend of the Guardians: The Owls of Ga'Hoole: An IMAX 3D Experience (G) Fri-Thu 1:30-4:15-7-9:30
Life as We Know It (PG) Fri-Thu 12:50-4-6:50-9:40
Paranormal Activity 2 (STC) Fri-Thu 2:15-5-7:45-10:45 Fri-Thu 1:15-4:15-7:15-10
Psycho (18A) Sun 1
Red (PG) Fri-Thu 12:35-1:10-3:25-4:10-6:45-7:20-9:50-10:20
Resident Evil: Afterlife (18A) Fri-Thu 9:35
Saw 3D (18A) Fri-Sat 12:55-1:55-3:30-4:45-7-7:30-9:45-10:15 Sun 12:55-3:30-4:45-7-7:30-9:45-10:15 Mon-Thu 12:55-1:55-3:30-4:45-7-7:30-9:45-10:15
Score: A Hockey Musical (STC) Fri-Thu 1:20-4:05-6:35
Secretariat (G) Fri-Thu 12:45-3:45-6:55-9:55
The Social Network (PG) Fri-Thu 1:30-4:30-7:35-10:25
The Town (14A) Fri-Thu 1:10-4:05-7:10-10:20
Wall Street: Money Never Sleeps (PG) Fri-Thu 12:35-3:40-6:45-10:10

BURNABY

DOLPHIN CINEMAS
4555 E. Hastings St., 604-293-0332

Legend of the Guardians: The Owls of Ga'Hoole (G) Sat-Sun 1-3-5
Red (PG) Fri-Thu 7-9:10
Saw: The Final Chapter (18A) Fri 7-9 Sat-Sun 1-3-5-7-9 Mon-Thu 7-9

SILVERCITY METROPOLIS
4700 Kingsway Ave., 604-435-7474

Heart of a Dragon (STC) Fri-Thu 1:05-4:05-6:55-9:35
Hereafter (PG) Fri-Thu 12:30-3:45-7:05-10
Jackass 3D (14A) Fri-Thu 12:45-3:35-6:45-9:30
Legend of the Guardians: The Owls of Ga'Hoole 3D (G) Fri-Thu 1-3:50-6:50
Life as We Know It (PG) Fri-Thu 1:20-4:7:25-10:10
Paranormal Activity 2 (STC) Fri-Thu 1:15-4:20-7:15-9:50
Red (PG) Fri-Thu 1:10-4:15-7-9:55
Saw 3D (18A) Fri-Thu 1:30-4:45-7:30-9:40-10:15
The Social Network (PG) Fri-Thu 12:35-3:40-6:40-9:45
The Town (14A) Fri-Thu 12:50-3:55-7:20-10:05

STATION SQUARE
220-6200 McKay Ave., 604-434-7711

Case 39 (14A) Fri 4:15-7:15-10:15 Sat 1:15-4:15-7:15-10:15 Sun 1:15-4:15-7:15 Mon-Thu 4:15-7:15
Easy A (PG) Fri 4:30-7:30-10:30 Sat 1:30-4:30-7:30-10:30 Sun 1:30-4:30-7:30 Mon-Thu 4:30-7:30
Let Me In (14A) Fri 4:10-7:10-10:10 Sat 1:10-4:10-7:10-10:10 Sun 1:10-4:10-7:10 Mon-Thu 4:10-7:10
Score: A Hockey Musical (STC) Fri 4:25-7:25-10:25 Sat 1:25-4:25-7:25-10:25 Sun 1:25-4:25-7:25 Mon-Thu 4:25-7:25
Secretariat (G) Fri 4:05-7:05-10:05 Sat 1:05-4:05-7:05-10:05 Sun 1:05-4:05-7:05 Mon-Thu 4:05-7:05
Wall Street: Money Never Sleeps (PG) Fri 4-7-10 Sat 1-4-7-10 Sun 1-4-7 Mon-Thu 4-7
You Again (G) Fri 4:20-7:20-10:20 Sat 1:20-4:20-7:20-10:20 Sun 1:20-4:20-7:20 Mon-Thu 4:20-7:20

NEW WEST/ COQUITLAM

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Alpha and Omega (G) Fri-Thu 12:25-3:15
Conviction (14A) Fri-Tue 12:50-3:50-7:15-10:30 Wed 3:50-7:15-10:30 Thu 12:50-3:50-7:15-10:30 Star & Strollers Screening Wed 1
Easy A (PG) Fri-Thu 1:15-4:05-6:45-9:20
The Girl Who Kicked the Hornet's Nest (14A) Fri-Thu 2-6:25-9:50
Heart of a Dragon (STC) Fri-Tue 1:20-4:30-7:20-10:15 Wed 4:30-7:20-10:15 Thu 1:20-4:30-7:20-10:15 Star & Strollers Screening Wed 1
Hereafter (PG) Fri-Thu 12:45-4-7-10:05
Inception (PG) Fri-Thu 6:20-9:45
Jackass 3D (14A) Fri-Thu 12:10-2:45-5:15-7:45-10:20
Legend of the Guardians: The Owls of Ga'Hoole 3D (G) Fri-Sat 1-3:40-6:40 Sun 3:40-6:40 Mon-Thu 1-3:40-6:40
Life as We Know It (PG) Fri-Thu 12:40-3:35-7:10-10:20
Nowhere Boy (PG) Fri-Thu 9:25
Paranormal Activity 2 (STC) Fri-Thu 12-2:30-5:7:40-10:10 Fri-Thu 1:25-3:55-7:10-9:40
Psycho (18A) Sun 1
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Saw 3D (18A) Fri-Thu 12:15-3:5-5:30-8-9:45-10:35
Score: A Hockey Musical (STC) Fri-Thu 1:30-4:20-6:55
Secretariat (G) Fri-Thu 12:35-3:45-7:05-10
The Social Network (PG) Fri-Thu 1:05-4:10-7:25-10:25
Stone (14A) Fri-Thu 12:55-3:50-6:50-9:35
The Town (14A) Fri-Thu 12:20-3:20-6:50-10
Wall Street: Money Never Sleeps (PG) Fri-Thu 12:05-3:10-6:30-9:55

SURREY/WHITE ROCK/LANGLEY

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Life as We Know It (PG) Fri-Thu 7
The Rocky Horror Picture Show (STC) Sat 12
The Social Network (PG) Fri-Thu 9:10

HOLLYWOOD 3 CINEMA
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Alpha and Omega (G) Fri-Sun 12:45-4:35 Mon-Thu 4:35
Case 39 (14A) Fri-Thu 8:45
Despicable Me (G) Fri-Sun 12:45-2:45
Devil (14A) Fri-Thu 9:20
Easy A (PG) Fri-Thu 4:45-6:45
Eat Pray Love (PG) Fri-Thu 4:45
Fubar 2 (18A) Fri-Thu 9:05
Inception (PG) Fri-Thu 6:20
Nanny McPhee Returns (G) Fri-Sun 2:30
You Again (G) Fri-Sun 12:45-2:45-7:20 Mon-Thu 7:20

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Anjaana Anjaani (PG) Fri-Thu 1:10-4:40-8:10
Hereafter (PG) Fri-Thu 12:50-3:50-7:10-10:15
Jackass 3D (14A) Fri-Thu 1-3:45-7:30-10
Knock Out (PG) Fri-Thu 6:50-9:40
Legend of the Guardians: The Owls of Ga'Hoole 3D (G) Fri-Thu 1:40-4:10-6:40
Life as We Know It (PG) Fri-Tue 1:45-4:35-7:40-10:25 Wed 4:35-7:40-10:25 Thu 1:45-4:35-7:40-10:25 Star & Strollers Screening Wed 1
Paranormal Activity 2 (STC) Fri-Thu 1:30-4:15-7-9:45
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Score: A Hockey Musical (STC) Fri-Thu 1:50-4:20
Secretariat (G) Fri-Thu 12:45-3:40-6:45-9:50
The Social Network (PG) Fri-Thu 1:20-4:25-7:20-10:20
The Town (14A) Fri-Thu 12:35-3:30-6:30-9:30

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Easy A (PG) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 7:10-9:35
Heart of a Dragon (STC) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Sun 1:25-4:20-7:20-9:50 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Mon-Thu 4:20-7:20-9:50
Hereafter (PG) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Sun 1-3:55-6:50-9:50 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Mon-Thu 3:55-6:50-9:50
Hindi Movie (STC) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Sun 1:20-4:35-8 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Mon-Thu 4:35-8
Jackass 3D (14A) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Sun 1:30-4:30-7:30-10:10 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Mon-Thu 4:30-7:30-10:10
Legend of the Guardians: The Owls of Ga'Hoole (G) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Sun 1:40-4:10 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Mon-Thu 4:10
Life as We Know It (PG) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Sun 1:10-4:6:40-9:25 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Mon-Thu 4-6:40-9:25
Paranormal Activity 2 (STC) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Sun 1:35-4:35-7:25-9:55 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Mon-Thu 4:35-7:25-9:55
Red (PG) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Sun 1:15-4:15-7:15-10 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Mon-Thu 4:15-7:15-10
Saw 3D (18A) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Sun 1-4:05-7:9:30 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Mon-Thu 4:05-7-9:30
The Social Network (PG) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Sun 1:20-4:20-6:55-9:40 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Mon-Thu 4:20-6:55-9:40
The Town (14A) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Sun 1:05-3:50-6:45-9:45 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Mon-Thu 3:50-6:45-9:45
Wall Street: Money Never Sleeps (PG) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 7:05-10:05

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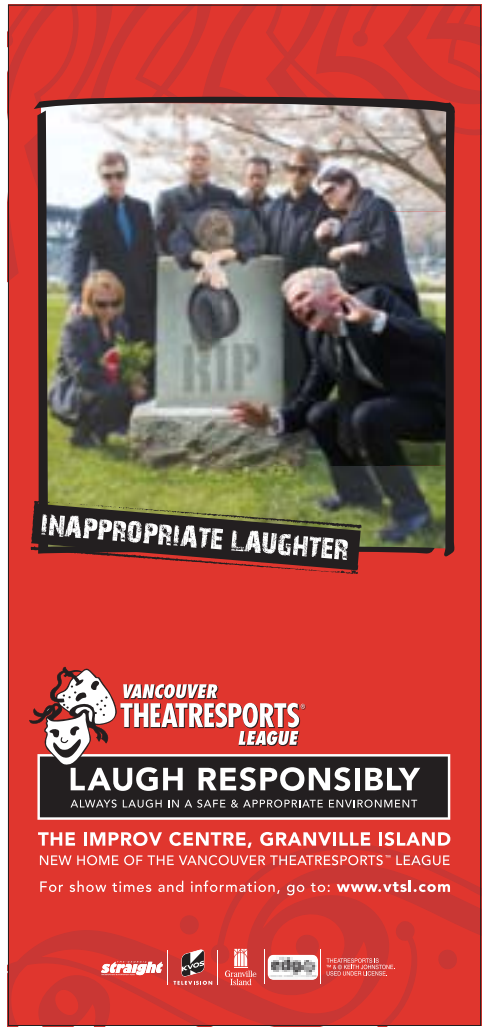
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THE ULTIMATE HALLOWEEN PLAYLIST

This weekend will be frantic with Halloween parties. But what to include on the playlist? Here's what I think is an essential list that DOESN'T include clichés like Thriller, Ghostbusters and The Monster Mash.

Alien Sex Fiend/Now I'm Feeling Zombified
Born in the Batcave (a London club that served as the original crypt for the British Goth scene), ASF featured Nik Fiend on vocals. He used to work the cloakroom and given the nature of the clientele, I'm sure he handled many actual cloaks.

Bauhaus/Bela Lugosi's Dead
Bauhaus' first single—a sprawling nine-and-a-half minute echo-drenched monster — came out in August 1979. Point of trivia: the artwork for the original single is a still from The Cabinet of Dr. Caligari, a horror film from 1920.

Nick Cave and the Bad Seeds/Red Right Hand
Nick scooped the title Milton's Paradise Lost and turned it into the story of a serial killer from the ghetto.

Legend has it this song inspired the entire vibe of the soundtrack from the first X-Files movie.

The Birthday Party/Release the Bats
Before Nick moved to England, he fronted the Birthday Party, one of Goth's first wave of groups. One listen and you'll be swatting imaginary bats away from your head all night.

Roky Erickson/Burn the Flames
A vampire sits at a piano exhorting the eternal flames to burn higher. Used in Return of the Living Dead.

Oingo Boingo/Dead Man's Party
The title track of OB's fourth album back in 1985. The video featuring dancing skeletons became indelibly connected to the band for the rest of their career. Interesting fact: Oingo Boingo leader Danny Elfman now composes for movies and television. He wrote the theme for The Simpsons.

Mike Oldfield/Tubular Bells
When director William Friedkin was looking for something supernaturally scary to serve as the theme for The Exorcist, he found it in the opening sequence of a just-released one-man-opus called Tubular Bells by Englishman Mike Oldfield.

The entire piece is almost 26 minutes long, but all you really need is the first four minutes.

The Von Drats/Phantom Chop
Group from Dratsylvannia (at least that's what they told me) temporarily living in Toronto until the villagers give up and go home with their pitchforks.

They learned everything they needed to know about music from the theme song of The Munsters.

Strats and Fender amps with the tremolo set on "kill."

Oh baby! Carey and Cannon confirm

APRIL L. BROWN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Mariah Carey is going to have to add lullabies to her repertoire.

The superstar singer confirmed on NBC's Today show Thursday that she and husband Nick Cannon are expecting their first child. Carey says the baby is due in the spring.

Carey had declined to discuss her pregnancy, the subject of rampant speculation for months, until now.

"Yes, we are pregnant, it's true," she said in an interview with Access Hollywood's Billy Bush that was shown on Today.

"It's been a long journey, but it's been tough because I've been trying to ... hold on to a shred of privacy, and that was not easy."

Carey, 40, and Cannon, 30, have been the subject of a baby watch since they got married after a whirlwind romance two years ago.

They laughed off the rumours when they occurred soon after their wedding.

"We thought it was fun, because they kept saying, 'Oh she's pregnant.' Yeah, whatever. So we took the test and it was positive," she said.

But Carey had a miscarriage soon afterward.

"It was really sad, so we really had to absorb this and take it in," she said.

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JAMES FRANCO

BOOK
Movie star, actor, artist, grad student, and now, author. James Franco has released his debut novel, Palo Alto, a collection of short stories about teens who drink, get high and shoot guns. Highlights of the collection include Emily, about a girl who can't get a date for the high school dance, and Killing Animals, about boys who go shooting with a BB gun.

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▶ James Franco's new book Palo Alto

THE PACIFIC

DVD
Tom Hanks, Steven Speilberg and Gary Goetzman's ambitious and much lauded mini series about the Second World War is available Tuesday on DVD. If you missed it's HBO run, the series is about the real life journeys of three U.S. marines during the conflict in the Pacific.

DEAD SET

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▶ TV series Dead Set

TV
Planning to spend Halloween night inside, lights turned off and avoiding any trick-or-treaters? We've got the TV event for you. Space is showing a mini-marathon of the five-part British TV series about zombies, Dead Set.

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▶ Toy Story 3

TOY STORY 3

DVD
Woody, Buzz Lightyear and Jessie dominated the box office earlier this year, and now they are ready to take over your DVD or Blu-ray. The new installment will hit shelves, Tuesday.

HOW-TO

BOOK
Are you in a cooking conundrum? The fine folks at Fine Cooking magazine — and their readers — have come up with How To Squeeze a Lemon: 1,023 Kitchen Tips, Food Fixes and Handy Techniques to turn you into a domestic diva.

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KATY PERRY

MUSIC
Newlywed singer Katy Perry released her newest song, Firework, last week. The song offers encouragement to anyone being bullied or who feels alone — all with Perry's trademark pop sound. METRO

GETTY IMAGES

▶ Katy Perry

Mix of Six

Haunted Tour

Grave Tales, through Oct. 31, Fort Langley National Historic Site

Hear tales of mysterious burials, archaic amputations, and stroll through local cemeteries. Walk starts at 7 p.m. Tix: $13 Info: parkscanada.gc.ca/fortlangley.

Wicked Walk

Burnaby Museum Haunted Village, Oct. 29 - Oct. 30, Burnaby Village Museum.

Enjoy Halloween's dark nature during a stroll through Burnaby Museum's Haunted Village. Get fitted for a casket, visit fortune tellers, or enjoy a circus slideshow. Open from 6 – 9 p.m. Tix: $14.

Mystery Mansion

Aberthau Haunted Mansion, Oct. 29 & Oct. 30, Aberthau Mansion

Delve into real-life nightmares in the Alberthau Haunted Mansion. Rated for ages 11 and up, and parental guidance is recommended. Tix: $6. Info: westpointgrey.org. Alberthau Mansion, 4397 West 2nd Ave., Vancouver.

Horror Convention

Vancouver Horror Convention, Oct. 31, Planet Bingo

Horror fanatics, here's your chance to overtake Main Street. Celebrate the scary with filmmakers, artists, and the like. No minors, and doors are open from noon until 6 p.m. Tix: $5. 2655 Main Street (3rd floor – Planet Bingo. Info: badbird.tv.

Spooky Stroll

Jack O'Lantern's Spooky Stroll, Oct. 30, VanDusen Botanical Garden

Experience the expressive as you walk through more than 125 carved and lit pumpkins to get to a storytelling session housed in the Glasshouse. 5251 Oak St. Tix: $5 – 7.25 Info:vancouver.ca/parks/parks/vandusen

Haunted House

Barclay Manor Haunted House, Oct. 29 & 30, Barclay Manor Heritage Square

The centre piece of Barclay Heritage Square, Barclay Manor, is doubling this year as a haunted house. Tix: $3/person; $10/family of four. 416-40 Haro St., Vancouver
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▶ Madonna

HARD CANDY

POP CULTURE So she is in her 50s, and some people would also argue Madonna looks pretty good for her age. Well, Madge is now branching out into the world of gym memberships and plans to open her own fitness empire, called Hard Candy. The first locale opens in Mexico City in November. METRO

TV Picks

Hoarding and dream satire

South Park skewers one of the big reality trends du jour, hoarding, and one of the year's biggest movies, Inception. The episode, titled Insheeption, sees Stan confronting his hoarding issues while his dad finds himself trapped in a dream land. (Friday, Comedy Network)

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United, we can change the world

We Day 2010 is a two-hour special recapping two youth-empowerment events staged recently in Toronto and Vancouver. Speakers and entertainers that appeared were Al Gore, Barenaked Ladies, K'naan and more. (Saturday, CTV)

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A new side of Sarah

GILLES MINGASSON/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

▶Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin is shown in a scene from the reality series Sarah Palin's Alaska.

Whatever you may think of Sarah Palin, the fact remains Alaska is magnificent with her as its presenter.

Sarah Palin's Alaska, premiering on TLC on Nov. 14, adds TV host to Palin's crowded resume, which already includes former governor, former GOP vice-presidential candidate, bestselling author and conservative superstar.

Palin also is a wife, a mother of five and a grandmother, of course, and her new series integrates her home life with Alaska's great outdoors.

Judging from the first of eight episodes, Sarah Palin's Alaska keeps politics out of the picture. Sure, the show is effective in selling the Palin brand. But along the way, Palin throws herself into selling the grandeur of Alaska.

The much-anticipated documentary series, shot last summer, is based at Palin's lakeside home in Wasilla. There, cupcakes are baked and kids do their chores (or hear about it from Palin). Then Palin sets off, with family members in tow, on a jaunt such as salmon fishing on Big River Lake, where, almost within reach at the shoreline, a family of bears keeps them amused.

"Girls, when you cast, don't aim toward the bear," Palin cautions daughter Piper and niece McKinley in their boat.

"Why?" is the automatic comeback. Any parent will instantly relate.

Later in the program, Palin demonstrates mettle (and alarm) as she goes rock-climbing with her husband, Todd, at Denali National Park – and gets stuck midway.

The guide calls down instructions and encouragement, but Palin is stalled.

"I just don't like heights!" she declares. "I was so cocky – I'm being punished for it. I don't know if I can do this!"

It's a remarkable admission from this famously can-do personality, and, as viewers are informed, some 45 minutes pass before she figures out how to continue her ascent. Then she does it.

"That's so much worse than I ever thought it would be!" she says after reaching the summit.

The series is produced by Mark Burnett, whose many credits include Survivor and The Apprentice. In a recent interview with The Associated Press, he marveled at how gung-ho all the Palins were in taking part.

"It would start out with, 'We're gonna have Sarah and Todd do something,'" Burnett said. "And as she's getting ready, she would say, 'Piper, you want to come? Willow, you want to come?' Take the politics away, and this is a family, and they hang out a lot together."

The show boasts eye-popping scenes across the state's vastness.

But, the Palins make it clear they're irked that writer Joe McGinniss is living right next door.

Todd Palin explains, "Our summer fun has been kind of taken away from us because of a new neighbour next door who's writing a hit piece on my wife." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Timerlake a cheat?

His rep says no, but a source says he and Jessica Biel are history

Justin Timberlake reportedly cheated on Jessica Biel with The Daily Show correspondent Olivia Munn after convincing Munn his relationship with Biel was actually over, sources tell Us Weekly. Munn had reportedly spurned his advances, but Timberlake "has been telling people it's over with Jessica, even though the reality is he's just doing it behind her back," the source says, adding that he was convincing enough for Munn to invite him back to her hotel room, where "they were openly affectionate." Timberlake's rep denies the story. METRO

▶ Jessica Biel and Justin Timberlake.

Talking points

On-set romance ends

IT'S OVER. Gossip Girl co-stars Blake Lively and Penn Badgley have reportedly called off their off-screen romance, sources tell Us Weekly, but it hasn't caused any waves on set yet.

"They're professionals," a source says. "They're still good friends and hang out on the set. They kept this news to themselves for a while."

Those close to the former couple were shocked by the news. "Nobody on set had any idea. They're really just private," the source adds. METRO

Gemini awards mark 25 years

NOVEMBER 13. Hawaii Five-0's Grace Park, the cast of Rookie Blue, and Olympic ice dancing champs Tessa Virtue and Scott Moir are among the presenters slated for the upcoming Gemini Awards.

The best in Canadian television will be feted at a televised bash hosted by Glee star Cory Monteith in Toronto.

Other presenters include Enrico Colantoni of Flashpoint, Fred Ewanuick of Dan For Mayor, and Allan Hawco of Republic of Doyle.

Leading nominees include the cop show Flashpoint and coverage of the Vancouver Winter Olympics.

This year marks the 25th anniversary of the Geminis, and organizers are inviting TV fans to choose their favourite Canadian series from the last 25 years at www.favetvshow.ca. The top picks will be announced throughout the broadcast.

The Gemini Awards air November 13 on Global and Showcase. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Golf is good therapy

ZEN. While husband Michael Douglas has continued his battle with throat cancer, Catherine Zeta-Jones reported that things are "business as usual" as she attended a golf event in China, according to Yahoo News. "There's nothing better than just having nothing else to focus on than a still white ball, and nobody's looking," she said. METRO

Celebrity tweets

Jackie Collins [@jackiecollins]

Charlie Sheens gotta relax!!

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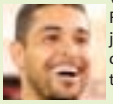
Failure is just a miscalculated attempt...

A costume that's fit for a Hollywood princess

▶ Suri Cruise.

Tom Cruise and Katie Holmes want only the best for their daughter Suri Cruise, and that goes for her Halloween costume, too. The proud parents spent approximately $6,000 on a princess costume featuring a tulle skirt and pearl embroidery for the fashion-conscious 4-year-old, according to In Touch. "Suri already has her fairy-princess gown and will be wearing diamonds with her costume," a source says. METRO

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Pasta problems? We got you covered

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▶ The bowtie shape of farfalle pasta helps carry plenty of sauce as well as the pieces of meat to your mouth.

How to cook, dress and eat every pasta in every shape

Chances are you know linguine goes with clam sauce and fettuccine loves Alfredo. But which pasta pairs with pesto? Or a hefty carbonara?

"Pasta has evolved over many hundreds of years in Italy and it's taken a long time for them to work out what tastes best," says British chef Jacob Kenedy, co-author with graphic designer Caz Hildebrand of The Geometry of Pasta. Together they are advocates of a simple truth: Pasta and sauce, correctly paired, yield a sublime experience.

They had plenty of material to work with. More than 300 shapes of pasta exist, each with a specific texture and strategy for delivering flavours.

In general, lighter sauces pair well with thin pastas. Oily, punchy sauces go with thicker pastas. Sauce will cling to a rough-textured pasta, such as a ridged penne, Kenedy says, while a smoother one like spaghetti will create a more delicate dish. Short tubes and cup shapes are good for "sauces with bits in them," Kenedy says, such as those with diced meat or vegetables.

"More intricate shapes are quite fun to play with," he says. "It's like when you're a little kid and you put things in your mouth."

Which doesn't mean you need to fill your cupboard with dozens of different pastas. But at least make room for a few new ideas.

"It's a shame not to feel encouraged to try some of these amazing shapes," says Hildebrand.

Ingredients :

- 250 g (1/2 lb) farfalle pasta
- 75 ml (5 tbsp) heavy cream
- 50 g (1 3/4 oz) prosciutto, sliced into 1-cm (1/2-inch) strips
- Generous 125 ml (1/2 cup) grated Parmesan, plus extra to serve
- 2 egg yolks
- Salt and ground black pepper, to taste

Farfalle With Prosciutto and Cream

Preparation:

1. Bring a large saucepan of salted water to a boil. Cook pasta to al dente (still barely firm at the centre) according to package directions.
2. While pasta cooks, in a large bowl, combine cream, prosciutto, Parmesan and egg yolks. Season with salt and pepper.
3. Drain farfalle and toss into sauce. Serve with extra cheese. Makes 4 servings.

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Grilled ham and cheese

This sensational sandwich is a perfect snack to serve hungry weekend luncheon guests on a fall day. It is grilled cheese at its finest.

The tapenade can be made up to a week ahead, if desired.

Ham Grilled Cheese

Preparation:

1. Tapenade: In a bowl, chop together tomatoes, olives, garlic and capers. Slowly add olive oil, stir in Parmesan and season with fresh pepper. Set aside.
2. Preheat indoor grill or panini pan to low heat. Slice ciabatta bread straight across into round disks, about 1 cm (1/2 inch) thick. Assemble each sandwich with Swiss cheese, ham and arugula.
3. Lightly brush both sides of bread with olive oil. Lightly grill each side of sandwich over very low heat. Remove from grill and place on plates with 5 ml (1 tsp) of the tapenade on top of each.

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Ingredients :

- 1 rustic ciabatta bread
- 250 g (8 oz) Swiss cheese
- 270 g (9 oz) smoked or Black Forest ham or prosciutto
- 1 bunch arugula leaves
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) extra-virgin olive oil

Tapenade

- 60 g (2 oz) sun-dried tomatoes, soaked
- 30 g (1 oz) kalamata olives
- Half clove garlic, chopped
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) capers
- 35 ml (1/8 cup plus 2 tsp) olive oil
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) Parmesan cheese
- Cracked black pepper

▶ Sensational grilled cheese with ham.

3 life

Halloween

Don't be tricked by unsafe treats

An adult should always inspect the treats that children collect when they go door-to-door on Halloween night, says a reminder posted Monday by Health Canada: "Parents or caregivers are encouraged to remind kids not to accept — and especially not to eat — homemade candy or baked goods."

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Fruit and cottage cheese nutritious and fun topping for fruit salad, cereal. Scan code for news

4 sports

Giants go up 2-0 in Series

Cain's pitching, Renteria's HR give Giants 9-0 win over Rangers

▶ Andres Torres of the San Francisco Giants congratulates Edgar Renteria after Renteria hit a home run during the fifth inning of Thursday's Game 2 of the World Series.

Matt Cain shut down the Texas Rangers with the type of suffocating pitching that put the San Francisco Giants in the World Series.

Two more games like this and they'll win the World Series.

Cain was sharp, the Rangers bullpen was not and San Francisco broke away for a 9-0 win Thursday night. The Giants headed to Texas with a 2-0 lead that looked to come way too easily.

Edgar Renteria reprised his October success with a go-ahead home run, and the Giants erupted with seven runs in the eighth, the biggest inning in their post-season history.

Four straight two-out walks by Texas relievers let the game out of control. At this rate, team president and part-owner Nolan Ryan probably wants to grab a ball himself and get on the mound.

GIANTS	RANGERS
9	0

Texas set a record for most runs allowed in a franchise's first two Series games.

"You take all the runs you can get," Giants manager Bruce Bochy said. "It's nice to have a cushion going into the ninth."

Cain drew frenzied ovations from a crowd waving Halloween-coloured orange pompons, a day after the Giants won the opener 11-7.

San Francisco pushed across just 19 runs against Philadelphia in the six-game NL championship series but has outscored Texas 20-7 and outhit the Rangers .314 to .227.

"I think that more or less it has to do with the pitching we've been facing," Rangers manager Ron Washington said. "We had some opportunities early in the ballgame to put some runs on the board, and we had the right people up there, and he made his pitches."

C.J. Wilson allowed Renteria's fifth-inning homer, then left the mound accompanied by a trainer with a blister on the middle finger of his pitching hand following a leadoff walk in the seventh. Juan Uribe added a run-scoring single against reliever Darren Oliver.

"This blister is something he's been dealing with all year," Washington said. "He'll put some glue on it and do whatever he has to do to close it up."

San Francisco pulled away as Washington again made bullpen moves too late. Derek Holland relieved with a man on and forced in a run with three straight walks, the last to Aubrey Huff, and Mark Lowe forced in another run with a walk to Uribe. Renteria followed with a two-run single to left. Pinch-hitter Aaron Rowand hit a two-run triple against Michael Kirkman, and Andres Torres doubled in a run. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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▶ The Texas Rangers bench watches from the dugout during the eighth inning of Thursday's game.

Quoted

"He's a veteran, he's had to deal with this situation before but it's definitely a challenge for him. We have four games this week and I thought it was time to give Auld a chance."

CANADIENS COACH JACQUES MARTIN ON GIVING GOALIE ALEX AULD HIS FIRST START OF THE SEASON FRIDAY.

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Sports in brief

Favre goes boot-free

NFL. Brett Favre was walking around the Minnesota Vikings practice facility Thursday without the oversized boot that has been protecting his injured left ankle.

Favre suffered two fractures around the ankle in the game against Green Bay Sunday night, putting his league-record 291-straight starts streak in jeopardy.

The 41-year-old quarterback was not on the practice field during the portion open to the media Thursday. When asked if he thought he could play, Favre said, "I wouldn't put anything past me, to be honest with you."

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New deal for Girardi?

MLB. Joe Girardi and the New York Yankees have agreed on the outline of a $9-million US, three-year contract for the manager, according to a baseball official familiar with the negotiations.

Although the agreement is not complete, the sides "are dotting the i's and crossing the t's," the person said Thursday, speaking on condition of anonymity because no announcement had been made.

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Alderson made Mets GM

MLB. Sandy Alderson was chosen as the New York Mets general manager, and is now responsible for rebuilding a big-spending organization beset by problems on and off the field.

Alderson will be introduced Friday at a Citi Field news conference, the team announced Thursday.

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Field of Play

SCOTT RUSSELL

ERIK GUAY: SKIING'S CONSTANT CANUCK

He bears his sport's greatest treasure in a silver case the size of a hatbox.

Canadian ski racing star Erik Guay is anonymous as he strolls down Toronto's busy Yonge Street. "Kind of looks like I'm carrying my makeup kit," Guay grins. "But this, for a skier, is like winning the Stanley Cup, I would imagine."

With that, the 29-year-old native of Mont Tremblant, Que., extracts the Crystal Globe emblematic of being the season's best Super-G skier on the World Cup circuit.

In Europe he's a god. Guay is the first Canadian since Steve Podborski in 1982 to win the Globe.

"It was the culmination of a lot of hard work," Guay says with obvious pride as he cradles the Globe. "It meant so much to not only me but to my mother and father and to every member of our ski-racing family."

Erik Guay missed two gold medals by mere hundredths of a second at the Olympics in Whistler.

AL BELLO/GETTY IMAGES

▶ Erik Guay

For these close calls he's been written off, along with other members of the Canadian Alpine Ski Team who failed to reach the podium, as underachievers.

Nothing could be further from the truth, especially in Guay's case.

"The importance of winning that Crystal Globe is lost on many Canadians," says world downhill champion John Kucera.

"The Olympics is a big event but a one-day event. The Globe means that you are the force in your discipline all season long."

Being underrated is nothing new for Guay.

His statistics speak volumes. With 13 podium finishes on the World Cup circuit he is one shy of Ken Read's career total of 14 and only seven behind Podborski, who is the all-time Canadian leader. Read and Podborski claim legendary status as members of the Crazy Canucks.

In the meantime, Erik Guay shows every sign that he may someday soon surpass his heroes.

"He didn't have anyone to show him the way," acknowledges Manuel Osborne-Paradis. "Erik was on his own on the way up and he's figured out how to do this all on his own."

He is a winter superstar who has eluded the limelight. For Erik Guay it's a shame because only now is he entering his prime.

He is skiing's constant Canuck who may someday be remembered as the greatest of them all.

NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	OTL	SL	GF	GA	Pts	Home	Away	Last 10	Strk
d-Tampa Bay	9	6	2	1	0	32	30	13	3-1-1-0	3-1-0-0	6-2-1-0	W1
d-Montreal	9	6	2	1	0	25	21	13	3-1-1-0	3-1-0-0	6-2-1-0	W3
d-Pittsburgh	10	5	4	1	0	30	25	11	2-3-0-0	3-1-1-0	5-4-1-0	L2
Washington	9	6	3	0	0	25	21	12	4-1-0-0	1-3-0-0	6-3-0-0	W2
Toronto	9	5	3	1	0	23	21	11	3-1-1-0	2-2-0-0	5-3-1-0	L1
Boston	7	5	2	0	0	20	11	10	2-2-0-0	3-0-0-0	5-2-0-0	W1
NY Islanders	9	4	3	1	1	26	23	10	2-0-0-1	2-3-1-0	4-3-1-1	L2
NY Rangers	8	4	3	1	0	28	24	9	1-2-1-0	3-1-0-0	4-3-1-0	L1
Atlanta	9	4	4	1	0	29	33	9	1-2-0-0	3-2-1-0	4-4-1-0	W1
Philadelphia	9	4	4	1	0	25	24	9	3-3-0-0	1-1-1-0	4-4-1-0	W1
Ottawa	10	4	5	1	0	26	31	9	3-2-0-0	1-3-1-0	4-5-1-0	W2
Carolina	8	4	4	0	0	21	23	8	1-1-0-0	3-3-0-0	4-4-0-0	L1
Buffalo	10	3	6	1	0	27	30	7	0-4-1-0	2-3-0-0	3-5-1-0	L1
Florida	8	3	5	0	0	21	20	6	2-1-0-0	1-4-0-0	3-5-0-0	L2
New Jersey	10	2	7	1	0	17	35	5	0-4-1-0	2-3-0-0	2-7-1-0	L3

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	OTL	SL	GF	GA	Pts	Home	Away	Last 10	Strk
d-Nashville	8	5	0	3	0	21	17	13	2-0-3-0	3-0-0-0	5-0-3-0	W2
d-Calgary	9	6	3	0	0	26	21	12	4-1-0-0	2-2-0-0	6-3-0-0	W3
d-Los Angeles	9	6	3	0	0	26	22	12	3-0-0-0	3-3-0-0	6-3-0-0	L1
Chicago	11	6	4	1	0	32	29	13	4-3-0-0	2-1-1-0	6-4-0-0	W1
Columbus	9	6	3	0	0	23	24	12	4-2-0-0	2-1-0-0	6-3-0-0	W3
Detroit	7	5	1	0	1	23	18	11	3-0-0-1	2-1-0-0	5-1-0-1	W4
St. Louis	7	4	1	1	1	19	14	10	4-0-0-0	0-1-1-1	4-1-1-1	W2
Dallas	8	5	3	0	0	26	22	10	2-2-0-0	3-1-0-0	5-3-0-0	L2
Vancouver	9	4	3	0	2	24	24	10	4-0-0-1	0-3-0-1	4-3-0-2	W2
San Jose	8	4	3	1	0	24	23	9	2-2-0-0	2-1-1-0	4-3-1-0	W1
Colorado	9	4	4	1	0	25	29	9	1-2-0-0	3-2-1-0	4-4-1-0	L3
Anaheim	10	4	5	0	1	26	35	9	2-0-0-1	2-5-0-0	4-5-0-1	W1
Minnesota	8	3	3	0	2	23	23	8	2-2-0-1	1-1-0-1	3-3-0-1	L2
Phoenix	8	2	3	3	0	21	29	7	1-1-2-0	1-2-1-0	2-3-3-0	L3
Edmonton	8	2	4	0	2	17	24	6	2-2-0-0	0-2-0-2	2-4-0-2	L6

d — division leaders ranked 1-2-3 regardless of points; a team winning in overtime or shootout is credited with two points and a victory in the W column; the team losing in overtime or shootout receives one point which is registered in the OTL (overtime loss) or SL (shootout loss) column.

Last night's results
Boston 2 Toronto 0
Phoenix at Detroit
Columbus 3 Edmonton 2 (SO)
Ottawa 5 Florida 3
St. Louis at Nashville
Washington at Minnesota
Los Angeles at Dallas
Colorado at Calgary
Wednesday's results
Atlanta 6 N.Y. Rangers 4
Chicago 3 Los Angeles 1
Montreal 5 N.Y. Islanders 3
San Jose 5 New Jersey 2
Tampa Bay 5 Pittsburgh 3
Washington 2 Carolina 0
Tonight's games
(All times Eastern)
Montreal at N.Y. Islanders, 7 p.m.
Carolina at N.Y. Rangers, 7 p.m.
Philadelphia at Pittsburgh, 7 p.m.
Buffalo at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
Edmonton at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
New Jersey at Anaheim, 10 p.m.

BRUINS 2, LEAFS 0

First Period
1. Boston, Bergeron 1 (Chara, Lucic) 19:19 (pp)
Penalties — Stuart Bos (interference) 1:03, Marchand Bos (throwing stick) 8:48, Zigomanis Tor (slashing) 11:57, Lebda Tor (interference) 18:37.
Second Period
2. Boston, Seguin 2 (Seidenberg, Ryder) 12:26
Penalties — Orr Tor (interference) 2:40, Marchand Bos (hooking) 5:13, Phaneuf Tor (fighting), Horton Bos (fighting, misconduct) 10:58, Seidenberg Bos (delay of game) 12:51.
Third Period
No Scoring.
Penalty — McQuaid Bos (hooking) 16:04.
Shots on goal by

Toronto	8	4	8	20
Boston	11	10	11	32

Goal — Toronto: Gustavsson (L,1-2-0); Boston: Thomas (W,5-0-0). **Power plays (goals-chances)** — Toronto: 0-5; Boston: 1-3.
Att. — 17,565 (17,565) at Boston.

SENATORS 5, PANTHERS 3

First Period
1. Florida, McCabe 1 (Wideman, Booth) 10:02 (pp)
Penalties — Foligno Ott (goaltender interference) 9:20, Dvorak Fla (holding) 11:16.
Second Period
2. Ottawa, Michalek 4 (Kelly) 5:20 (sh)
3. Ottawa, Fisher 3 (Gonchar, Alfredsson) 13:18
4. Ottawa, Smith 1 (Shannon, Winchester) 14:49
Penalties — Ruutu Ott (hooking) 4:17, Hordichuk Fla, Carkner Ott (fighting) 15:00.
Third Period
5. Ottawa, Kovalev 3, 1:23
6. Ottawa, Alfredsson 6 (Fisher, Michalek) 3:50
7. Florida, Higgins 1 (Reasoner) 6:09
8. Florida, Santorelli 1 (Stillman, Reasoner)19:03
Penalty — Kovalev Ott (tripping) 15:40
Shots on goal by

Florida	5	8	18	31
Ottawa	10	11	7	28

Goal — Florida: Vokoun (L,3-4-0); Ottawa: Elliott (W,4-3-0).
Power plays (goals-chances) Florida:1-3; Ottawa: 0-1.
Referees — Stephen Walkom, Tim Peel. **Linesmen** — Scott Cherrey, Scott Driscoll.
Att. — 16,294 (19,153) at Ottawa.

JACKETS 3, OILERS 2 (SO)

First Period
1. Columbus, Pahlsson 1 (Clark, Wilson) 4:11
2. Edmonton, Horcoff 4 (Eberle, Hall) 7:20 (pp)
3. Columbus, Wilson 2 (Brassard, Clark) 18:09
Penalties — Boll Clb (goaltender interference) 5:39, Hemsky Edm (hooking) 8:00, Vandermeer Edm (tripping), Boll Clb (diving) 13:27, Gilbert Edm (holding) 15:24, Brassard Clb (high-sticking) 15:48, Whitney Edm (delay of game) 19:54.
Second Period
No Scoring.
Penalties — Dorsett Clb (goaltender interference) 6:56, Peckham Edm (interference) 9:45.
Third Period
4. Edmonton, Hall 1 (Peckham, Hemsky) 9:57
Penalties — Smid Edm (boarding) 2:08, Umberger Clb (slashing) 7:17, Horcoff Edm (high-sticking) 11:41, Pahlsson Clb (boarding) 19:45.
Overtime
No Scoring.
Penalty — Gilbert Edm (tripping) 2:27.
Shootout
Columbus wins 2-0
Edmonton (0) — Gagner, miss; Brule, miss.
Columbus (2) — Nash, goal; Filatov, goal.
Shots on goal by

Edmonton	8	11	8	0—27
Columbus	18	8	13	2—41

Goal — Edmonton: Dubnyk (L,0-0-1); Columbus: Mason (W,4-3-0). **Power plays (goals-chances)** — Edmonton: 1-5; Columbus: 0-7.
Att. — 9,128 (18,144) at Columbus, Ohio.

SCORING LEADERS

	G	A	PT
Stamkos, TB	8	7	15
Getzlaf, Ana	3	10	13
D.Sedin, Vcr	7	5	12
B.Richards, Dal	3	9	12
Sharp, Chi	8	3	11
Hossa, Chi	7	4	11
Crosby, Pgh	6	5	11
Roy, Buf	5	6	11
C.Stewart, Col	5	6	11
Liles, Col	0	11	11
H.Sedin, Vcr	0	11	11
Alfredsson, Ott	5	5	10
Selanne, Ana	5	5	10
Perry, Ana	4	6	10
Zetterberg, Det	3	7	10
Kessel, Tor	7	2	9
Horton, Bos	5	4	9
Hejduk, Col	4	5	9
Ryan, Ana	4	5	9

Not including last night's games

MLB

2010 POSTSEASON

WORLD SERIES
(All times Eastern)
(San Francisco leads series 1-0)
Last night's result
Texas at San Francisco
Wednesday's result
San Francisco 11 Texas 7
Tomorrow's game
San Francisco (Sanchez 13-9) at Texas (Lewis 12-13), 6:57 p.m.
Sunday's game
San Francisco (Bumgarner 7-6) at Texas (Hunter 13-4), 8:20 p.m.

GOLF

NATIONWIDE TOUR CHAMPIONSHIP
At Charleston, S.C.
Par 72
First Round

Joe Affrunti	34-32—66
James Hahn	34-32—66
Brendan Steele	34-32—66
William McGirt	33-34—67
Hunter Haas	33-34—67
Colt Knost	36-32—68
Scott Gardiner	34-34—68
Rob Oppenheim	35-34—69
Jason Gore	35-34—69
John Riegger	34-35—69
David Hearn	**34-35—69**
Justin Hicks	36-33—69
Scott Gutschewski	32-37—69
Tag Ridings	33-36—69
Kevin Chappell	31-38—69
Jamie Lovemark	32-37—69
J.J. Killeen	34-36—70
Kyle Thompson	35-35—70
Gavin Coles	35-35—70
Chris Nallen	38-32—70
D.J. Brigman	35-35—70
Steven Bowditch	34-36—70
Daniel Summerhays	37-33—70
Paul Claxton	35-36—71
David Branshaw	34-37—71
Brian Smock	34-37—71
Alistair Presnell	34-37—71
Michael Putnam	34-37—71

Also
Jon Mills **36-37—73**

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL

MLB
AMERICAN LEAGUE
KANSAS CITY ROYALS — Named Tony Tijerina minor league field coordinator and Mark Davis minor league pitching coordinator.
NATIONAL LEAGUE
NEW YORK METS — Named Sandy Alderson general manager.
PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES — Assigned C Paul Hoover outright to Lehigh Valley (IL). Announced INF/OF Greg Dobbs and LHP Jamie Moyer refused outright assignments and have elected free agency.

BASKETBALL

NBA
MEMPHIS GRIZZLIES — Exercised fourth-year contract options on G O.J. Mayo and F Darrell Arthur and the third-year contract option on C Hasheem Thabeet.

FOOTBALL

NFL
DETROIT LIONS — Claimed CB Brandon McDonald off waivers from Arizona.
NEW YORK GIANTS — Placed DE Mathias Kiwanuka on injured reserve. Signed DB-KR Will Blackmon.

CFL
WINNIPEG BLUE BOMBERS — Added QB Zac Champion to the practice roster.

HOCKEY

NHL
ATLANTA THRASHERS — Recalled G Ondrej Pavelec from Chicago (AHL). Reassigned G Peter Mannino to Chicago (AHL).
DETROIT RED WINGS — Recalled G Joey MacDonald from Grand Rapids (AHL).
MINNESOTA WILD — Recalled F Casey Wellman from Houston (AHL).
NEW JERSEY DEVILS — Recalled D Tyler Eckford from Albany (AHL).
NEW YORK ISLANDERS — Returned F Nino Niederreiter Portland (WHL).
NEW YORK RANGERS — Recalled F Evgeny Grachev from Hartford (AHL).

SOCCER

MLS PLAYOFFS

EASTERN CONFERENCE
(All times Eastern)
New York vs. San Jose
Tomorrow's game
First Leg
New York at San Jose, 10 p.m.
Columbus vs. Colorado
Last night's result
First Leg
Columbus at Colorado

WESTERN CONFERENCE
Los Angeles vs. Seattle
Sunday's game
First Leg
Los Angeles at Seattle, 8 p.m.
Real Salt Lake vs. FC Dallas
Tomorrow's game
First Leg
Real Salt Lake at Dallas, 5 p.m.

SPAIN

COPA DEL REY
Fourth Round
First Leg
Yesterday's results
Alcorcon 0, Athletic Bilbao 1
Osasuna 1, Deportivo La Coruna 1
Real Sociedad 2, Almeria 3

ITALY

ITALIAN CUP
Third Round
Yesterday's results
Bari 3, Torino 1
Chievo Verona 2, Sassuolo 0

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

ATLANTIC DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
New Jersey	1	0	1.000	—
New York	1	0	1.000	—
Boston	1	1	.500	½
Philadelphia	0	1	.000	1
Toronto	0	1	.000	1

SOUTHEAST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	1	0	1.000	—
Miami	1	1	.500	½
Orlando	0	0	.000	½
Washington	0	0	.000	½
Charlotte	0	1	.000	1

CENTRAL DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	1	0	1.000	—
Chicago	0	1	.000	1
Detroit	0	1	.000	1
Indiana	0	1	.000	1
Milwaukee	0	1	.000	1

WESTERN CONFERENCE

SOUTHWEST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Dallas	1	0	1.000	—
New Orleans	1	0	1.000	—
San Antonio	1	0	1.000	—
Memphis	0	1	.000	1
Houston	0	2	.000	1½

NORTHWEST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Portland	2	0	1.000	—
Denver	1	0	1.000	½
Oklahoma City	1	0	1.000	½
Minnesota	0	1	.000	1½
Utah	0	1	.000	1½

PACIFIC DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Golden State	1	0	1.000	—
L.A. Lakers	1	0	1.000	—
Sacramento	1	0	1.000	—
L.A. Clippers	0	1	.000	1
Phoenix	0	1	.000	1

Last night's results
Washington at Orlando
Phoenix at Utah
Wednesday's results
Cleveland 95 Boston 87
New Jersey 101 Detroit 98
Miami 97 Philadelphia 87
New York 98 Toronto 93
Atlanta 119 Memphis 104
Sacramento 117 Minnesota 116
New Orleans 95 Milwaukee 91
Oklahoma City 106 Chicago 95
Dallas 101 Charlotte 86
San Antonio 122 Indiana 109
Denver 110 Utah 88
Golden State 132 Houston 128
Portland 98 L.A. Clippers 88
Tonight's games
(All times Eastern)
Indiana at Charlotte, 7 p.m.
Sacramento at New Jersey, 7 p.m.
Atlanta at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
Cleveland at Toronto, 7 p.m.
New York at Boston, 7:30 p.m.
Milwaukee at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Denver at New Orleans, 8 p.m.
Oklahoma City at Detroit, 8 p.m.
Orlando at Miami, 8 p.m.
Memphis at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Phoenix, 10:30 p.m.
Tomorrow's games
Washington at Atlanta, 7 p.m.
Sacramento at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.
Portland at New York, 7:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at Indiana, 8 p.m.
Detroit at Chicago, 8 p.m.
Minnesota at Memphis, 8 p.m.
Denver at Houston, 8:30 p.m.
Charlotte at Milwaukee, 8:30 p.m.
New Orleans at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.
Sunday's games
Miami at New Jersey, 1 p.m.
Dallas at L.A. Clippers, 3:30 p.m.
Utah at Oklahoma City, 7 p.m.
Golden State at L.A. Lakers, 9:30 p.m.

NFL

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

EAST

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
N.Y. Jets	5	1	0	.833	159	101
New England	5	1	0	.833	177	136
Miami	3	3	0	.500	111	135
Buffalo	0	6	0	.000	121	198

SOUTH

Tennessee	5	2	0	.714	199	117
Houston	4	2	0	.667	153	167
Indianapolis	4	2	0	.667	163	125
Jacksonville	3	4	0	.429	130	209

NORTH

Pittsburgh	5	1	0	.833	137	82
Baltimore	5	2	0	.714	149	129
Cincinnati	2	4	0	.333	132	141
Cleveland	2	5	0	.286	118	142

WEST

Kansas City	4	2	0	.667	150	112
Oakland	3	4	0	.429	179	165
San Diego	2	5	0	.286	177	149
Denver	2	5	0	.286	138	199

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

EAST

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
N.Y. Giants	5	2	0	.714	175	153
Washington	4	3	0	.571	130	133
Philadelphia	4	3	0	.571	172	157
Dallas	1	5	0	.167	137	152

SOUTH

Atlanta	5	2	0	.714	169	133
Tampa Bay	4	2	0	.667	98	128
New Orleans	4	3	0	.571	147	138
Carolina	1	5	0	.167	75	130

NORTH

Chicago	4	3	0	.571	126	114
Green Bay	4	3	0	.571	167	136
Minnesota	2	4	0	.333	111	116
Detroit	1	5	0	.167	146	140

WEST

Seattle	4	2	0	.667	120	107
Arizona	3	3	0	.500	98	160
St. Louis	3	4	0	.429	120	131
San Francisco	1	6	0	.143	113	162

WEEK 8
Byes: N.Y. Giants, Philadelphia, Chicago, Atlanta, Baltimore, Cleveland
Sunday's games
(All times Eastern)
Denver vs. San Francisco at London, 1 p.m.
Washington at Detroit, 1 p.m.
Buffalo at Kansas City, 1 p.m.
Carolina at St. Louis, 1 p.m.
Miami at Cincinnati, 1 p.m.
Jacksonville at Dallas, 1 p.m.
Green Bay at N.Y. Jets, 1 p.m.
Tennessee at San Diego, 4:05 p.m.
Minnesota at New England, 4:15 p.m.
Seattle at Oakland, 4:15 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Arizona, 4:15 p.m.
Pittsburgh at New Orleans, 8:20 p.m.
Monday's game
Houston at Indianapolis, 8:30 p.m.

CFL

WEEK 18

EAST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	T	PF	PA	Pt
y-Montreal	16	11	5	0	480	415	22
x-Hamilton	16	9	7	0	436	372	18
x-Toronto	16	8	8	0	313	401	16
Winnipeg	16	4	12	0	419	434	8

WEST DIVISION

y-Calgary	16	11	5	0	536	403	22
x-Saskatchewan	16	9	7	0	449	442	18
Edmonton	16	6	10	0	343	501	12
B.C.	16	6	10	0	420	428	12

x — clinched playoff berth.
y — clinched division title.
Tonight's games
(All times Eastern)
Montreal at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Hamilton at Calgary, 10 p.m.
Tomorrow's game
Winnipeg at Edmonton, 7 p.m.
Sunday's game
Saskatchewan at B.C., 5 p.m.

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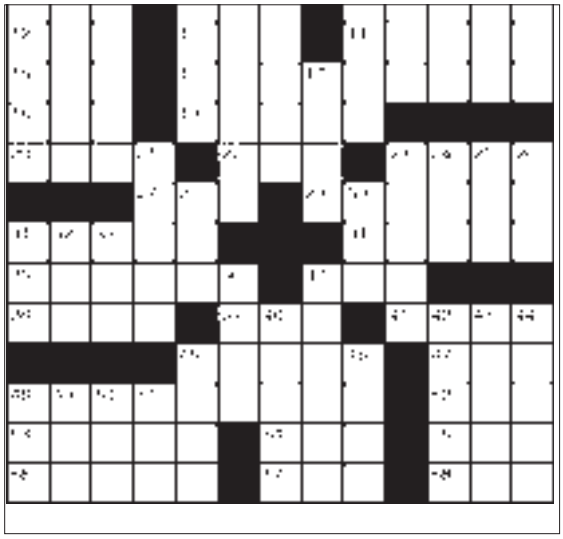

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12 In need of repair
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14 Permanent prisoner
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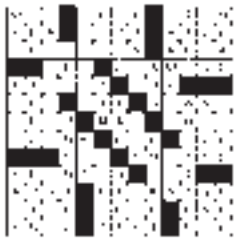
23 "Bye"
27 Slippery tree
29 Japanese governor
31 Unaccompanied
34 Strong adhesive
35 Offer unwanted advice
37 "CSI" evidence
38 Largest of the seven
39 A Gabor sister
41 Pizzazz
45 Analgesics' targets
47 Fresh
48 "The Da Vinci Code" field
52 Compete
53 Reverent
54 Author Deighton
55 Individual
56 Tending to mimic
57 Curved path
58 Still

Down

1 Heart line
2 Censor's sound
3 Confuse
4 Leap
5 Sanctuary
6 Platinum, e.g.
7 Oaf
8 Lubricant
9 Venusian vessel
10 Journey segment
11 Parched
17 Bat stats
21 Ohio city
23 November birthstone
24 Past
25 Formal wear
26 Whatever amount
28 Allow
30 Coop denizen
31 Wanted poster abbr.
32 Grafton's "— for Lawless"
33 Kimono closer
36 Fervor
37 Peril
40 String instrument
42 Ambassador's aide
43 Paris' river
44 Comment in 140 characters or fewer
45 Luxurious
46 Harmonization
48 Resort
49 Puppy's call
50 "Ostentatious? — ?!"
51 Clear the tables

▶ Yesterday's answer



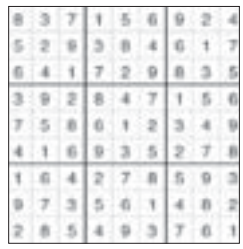
Sudoku

	1				6			
4			2	1		9	5	
3		8					1	
	2	3		9				
			7		2			
				4		5	2	
	6					7		8
	8	1		5	3			4
			6				9	

How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's answer ▶



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ALTER EGO.

my life began when i met you and because of you my life has been full of the wonderful and beautiful things. You are the one who makes my life.
LOVE YOU, SUE.. TEI

To my loving fiancee, I love you soo much! I am looking forward to many years and memories babe:)
LOVE RYAN, YOUR HUNNY!

Today's horoscope

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♈ Aries March 21-April 20 You may not much like what you are expected to do today but do it anyway and do it with passion and commitment.

♉ Taurus April 21-May 21 Don't take it personally if a friend or work colleague disagrees with you loudly today. Usually you are pretty robust but the Sun in your opposite sign lowers your resistance to criticism. It's not worth starting a fight over.

♊ Gemini May 22-June 21 Others can make light of your achievements if they so wish but you know what you have done and how much it is worth. Chances are they're jealous that you make it all look so easy. Make them even more jealous today.

♋ Cancer June 22-July 22 Life moves in cycles and the cycle you are now in the middle of is positive in the extreme. Having said that, with values planet Venus moving retrograde you cannot afford to take anything for granted.

♌ Leo July 23-Aug.23 You may not be much in the mood for taking action but the planets indicate this is a good time to push through changes of a personal nature.

♍ Virgo Aug. 24- Sept. 22 Interesting information will come your way today, the kind of information that could be worth a lot of money. Keep what you learn to yourself for the time being. The fewer know about it the larger your profit will be.

♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23 The planets indicate that in a matter of days your viewpoint will improve dramatically and you won't feel so down in the dumps. The world is always as good (or as bad) as you want it to be.

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22 The Sun close to Venus in your birth sign is an excellent omen for affairs of the heart and anything related to money and property.

♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21 Your imagination is working overtime at the moment and some of the creative ideas you've come up with are bordering on genius. But what are you going to do with those ideas?

♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20 Make the most of the good things that come your way — of which there will be plenty over the next few days. Friends are an excellent source of luck at the moment, so meet up with them.

♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18 When you look back many years from now will you be pleased with yourself that you took so many chances? Or will you rue the opportunities you allowed to pass by?

♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20 Today's Sun-Venus union in your fellow Water sign of Scorpio encourages you to see the world from a higher perspective. Feed your mind, and your soul will soar. **SALLY BROMPTON**

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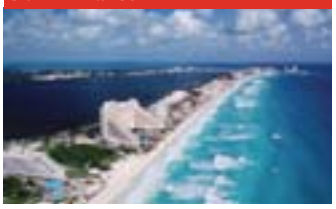

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